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I Almost Became a Living Cheat When I Raised my Level in Real Life

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Synopsis :

If man 'Levels Up', any boring work can be repeated with endlessly—Natsuno Taiyou.

"Talent" should be useless only in game, but even in reality how is it useful!?

When Taiyou woke up he received from a fairy "The ability to Level Up in the real world", but immediately when leveling up boring work, surprisingly 'charm' had dropped down!—However, the charm level that was originally 0, has thank god become '6553'!

Taiyou aims to level 100. And enjoy a harem life with seven brides.

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Chapter 1: The Level up Fairy and the Guard Dogs

Digging a hole and burying the hole.

Digging the hole, and burying that hole.

Digging up the hole that was just buried, and then proceeding to fill it up again.

That was plenty of useless actions……The point is that the act itself is a futile conduct to repeat. The act rivals putting particles of dandelion (a type of flower that can break into very small pieces) on top of slices of raw sashimi (Japanese raw fish), it's the kind of act that can make you go insane. Most likely due to the destructive power of such monotonous acts to the mind, it was used as a form of prison punishment in some far away country.

Right now, such a thing was intently done by a lone young boy,

at night, in a small park just around the neighborhood residence.

Recent social conditions are reflected in the entrance of the park, the signs displayed things like "playing ball is prohibited" or "idle chatting is prohibited" there was plenty of other signs up to 77 of them. It would make more sense and convey the message quicker if they had a single sign stating "This is a restricted area – Do not enter", it would seem that thinking about such things is pointless, and the existence of the 77 signs seems to be a complete waste of tax payer's money.

Inside the park Natsuno Taiyo was there.

He performed an action that was not restricted by the signboards.

Bringing a large winter shovel meant for digging up snow, he was in the middle of the sandpit digging a hole.

Digging a hole, and then filling it up.

Digging a hole, and then filling it up.

Digging up the hole that was just filled, and proceeding to cover it up again.

The act that can only be defined as a useless conduct, was whole heartedly performed by this young man.

Naturally……. This futile act was not part of the 77 prohibited acts displayed in the sign boards.

At least for now.

The more he digs, he feels that there seems to be something collecting within the depths of his body.

Whenever he fills up the hole, he feels that something begins to accumulate within his mind.

Taiyo continues to dig and cover up the holes in the pit.

Zaku Zaku, Zaku Zaku Zaku…….. (Sound of him digging)

「Hey you there, can I talk to you for a moment? 」

Around the time that his brain fluids was about to burst out from his pointless actions, Taiyo suddenly hears a voice calling out to him, in the next instant a bright light illuminates his face. Faced with the sudden dazzling light, he narrowed his eyes, raised his hand to his face and averts his eyes from the light.

「What is it? —-oh, a Policeman? 」

Although an irritated voice was raised, it was quickly replaced with a startled voice.

The person that stood there wore a deep blue uniform with an officer cap/hat. He was a public servant for the government, in other words he was a police officer.

If it was a woman, in other words if the other party was a police woman, Taiyo may have become excited or even happy. However, this person was a man and Taiyo’s interest in a man can be compared to a water flea’s snot! Quickly, his mood became sullenly.

He was unhappy because the flash light that was shone on his face was

too bright and the fact that his actions had been interrupted.

「Wha, what is it? 」

「You, what are you doing here exactly? 」

「What am i doing?.....ahh」

At the policeman's question, Taiyo was at a loss for words.

He looked around his surroundings in order to think of a retort. He thought to shout out "You got a complaint?!" as a reply, but quickly realised the position he was in and what he was carrying with him, furthermore the actions he was performing right before the policeman arrived, from an objective point of view was indeed very odd.

Because of this, the vigour/confidence he had before very quickly withered away.

「Ehhh.....Ummmm....」

「Yeah? 」

「That is, I mean.....」

「Hurry up and spit it out, what exactly where you doing? 」

「The hole..... I was digging a hole, yeah that's it.....」

It was hard for Taiyo to articulate his words and his mouth felt like it jammed up.

After hearing that explanation the policeman whom was usually suspicious under normal circumstances, puckered his eye brows even further, to the extent that he could probably grab a stack of papers just with his eyebrows alone.

The policeman used his flash light to illuminate both Taiyo's face and also at the hole he dug alternating between comparing the two.

「What were you digging up? or were you burying something?」

「Eh? no! no! I wasn't burying anything! 」

At the sudden accusatory tone Taiyo became completely flustered.

From the policeman's question he began to imagine all sorts of scenarios. A person in the rain with an umbrella digging up a hole for a dead body.....using fire to burn the evidence those kinds of scenes played out in his head.

In the direction this conversation was going, there was no doubt he will be accused, therefore he was beginning to panic.

「I was only digging, let me show you, it's like this: dig, bury, and dig

bury」

In attempt to prove his innocence, Taiyo was reproducing the actions he performed previously. However, the more he proceeded with his actions the policeman's eyes had even more doubt and stared at him like he was a guilty person.

「Reporting in, this is at the third junction in the public park, we have discovered a suspicious person. The culprit is wearing a high school uniform――」

「Wait a minute! Who are you contacting with your walkie talkie?!」

「You, what's your name? You look like a student but, is that uniform yours? 」

「No no, let me explain, like I said all I was doing was digging and burying the hole, there isn't anything suspicious about that is there?」

「Everyone who is guilty says that at first」

「Please give me one last chance to explain, I haven't got to the end! You have to believe me I really did nothing at all」

「Is that so, now then, will you finally tell me where the real place is? 」

「Like I said, there is no body, I was just digging and burying some sand in the pit」

「Alright, Understood, let's continue this conversation at the police station, shall we? 」

「You completely don't understand what I am saying at all do you?!」

「You can leave the hole as it is, just drop the shovel on the ground, put your hands behind your head and do not resist」

「Already treating me like a criminal!?」

「I will wait until the count of 3」

「No, this is a misunderstanding—-」

In order to make an explanation, Taiyo stabbed his scope into the sand pit.

In that moment—

「TEH REH REH TE TE TE TE—♪ Taiyo-chan has levelled up!!」

(level up sound effects: Special Illustrations are here)

In front of him a fairy of around 30 centimetres suddenly appeared in front of him.

She had long flowing golden hair and much like the colour of grass, she

was wearing a one piece green dress. On her back were wings that she flapped like a butterfly, there is no doubt she is a fairy.

Taiyo was expectantly waiting for her to disclose the information that she came to deliver.

「Ohhh, finally I levelled up?!」

「Yes sir—, you are now Level 3! 」

「Level 3 is it, It took much longer than I expected」

「That's not entirely true〜, Taiyo-chan may have felt that it was a long period of time but, in reality the speed at which you progress is within the 1% of geniuses, On the contrary its absurdly fast ya know〜 Normally this kind of speed would be a cheat so much so that you would definitely be BANNED」

「Is it really that fast? Well, my speciality is after all levelling up in games」

「Yeah! As expected of Taiyo-chan. You have even been called the Deadly Level Upper〜」(the term deadly was from 必殺 which can mean "bringing certain death", "one hit knockout", "one hit kill" etc.)

「That's enough flattery. More importantly I gained an increase in my abilities with this level up right? 」

「Of course, it went up vigorously～ it's only after you reach around level 90 that your abilities won't improve as much.」

「Unexpectedly there is a game where you can't increase in abilities. In that case, can you please elaborate on this for me? 」

「Certainly. Before that what shall we do about the display mode? Should I just specifically display the abilities that increased or also display the abilities that decreased? ～」

「There is abilities that decrease? 」

—-He was surprised for only a moment, and then he quickly regained his composure.

「Well, it is true, for example…. if a Zombie Character gains a level his hp may decrease, and if he increases his strength, his speed may also drop」

「That is exactly the case～」

The fairy's answer was very cheerful, and Taiyo raised his hands to his chin to think about what he just heard.

「In that case, I would like you to display all the changes in abilities, whether they increased or decreased. You can also omit the things that didn't change at all. Can you please do that for me? 」

「Of course I can～ But what a fast decision you made～」

「The game I played yesterday also had this kind of system, I believe it's the best choice to go with」

「I see, I understand. Well then, I will now display your abilities〜」

「Alright! Bring it on! 」

After exchanging those words with the fairy, Taiyo made a fist with his hand and did a victory pose, he was very excited to see what changes he would have. To Taiyo, a person whom loves to level up via hard work in games, the moment where he would receive his rewards is his most beloved phase of the game.

Because of this, he completely forgot the position he was currently in. He did something that he would not normally do in ordinary circumstances.

「You, what are you doing? 」

「.....Ehh? 」

He was literally being talked to by the policeman like he was a guilty culprit charged with murder, his line of vision retracted from the fairy currently giving him a report to the direction of the policeman.

「Huh? Isn't this too MUCH of an increase?!」

「Ohhh, There is even this many Guard dogs〜」

There was at least 5 policeman standing there, and they proceeding to cautiously surround him.

There was even policeman who had a gun attached to their waists, it was an outrageous situation.

「Ah haha.....」

When Taiyo remembers the actions he took moments ago, he realises how much trouble he is in right now. He alternates looking between the fairy and the policeman.

「They can't see you can they? 」

「Of course! The only one who can see me is only you Taiyo〜」

「They must have thought I was talking to myself like a crazy person, Darn it.....」

The fairy answered him promptly, but Taiyo could only think his thoughts inside his mind.

「Hurry up and raise your hands, quickly! 」

「I understand, just please don't point your guns at me! 」

Whilst surrendering to the policeman and being dragged away…….
Taiyo starts to reminisce his meeting with the fairy.

Chapter 2: The High and Lows of a Leveling Game

Before he met Hera, Taiyou was a very normal high school student.

For exams, he usually studied in the last minute which allowed him to avoid failing. For physical exercise classes he could barely keep up with the track and field students so that he wouldn't be a hindrance. His face was also average looking……Additionally he thought that there was no chance he would get a girlfriend and each year on Valentine's Day and Christmas day he would be alone.

He fantasized about having a childhood friend whom he would promise to marry or it was even alright for him to get summoned to another world by a pink coloured beautiful girl (bishoujou) and getting treated as a pet dog. If those were to happen it would be like hitting a home run for Taiyou. Unfortunately for him there was not a single event that could spark his life. (I think the pink haired girl is a reference to an anime called Zero no Tsukaima)

Therefore as usual today, for him the: sights, taste, smell, feeling and hearing he will experience are going to be just like any normal day…… At least it was supposed to be.

In the morning, Taiyou was wearing his school uniform and walking on his way to school whilst playing on his smart phone.

He just acquired this smart phone yesterday, and it was advertised from a net source as the newest model as a sturdy phone with a great customer guarantee.

The screen did not have a single scratch, and on the display was female swordsman in a western style fantasy background, this female warrior was moving very fluently whilst fighting a metallic coloured monster.

Whilst walking Taiyou effortlessly maneuvered the character, and one after another he defeated the metallic coloured monsters that popped out.

In the corner of his display, his character's level was seen. She was a whopping level 254. For him, the fact his level was so high represented that the game was very close to being cleared.

「Good morning Natsuno, playing that game again? 」(Note: Natsuno is main char, in Japanese people are referred to with their last names for politeness at least until they become very good friends)

「Hm? Oh it's you Nakajima. Good morning」

Because a voice called out to him he raised his face from his phone, and standing next to him he saw his classmate Nakajima Katsuki.

He isn't what you would call a close friend/buddy, Katsuki was just a friendly person in general and he would to talk everyone, Taiyou also got used to Katsuki casually talking to him.

As he keeps walking side by side with Katsuki, he dropped his gaze back to his smart phone and continued to walk.

「What ya playing? .....hang on, you've been playing that one for ages, is that a net game? 」

「Nope, it's just the usual RPG roleplay. There are barely any online functions available on this fellow」(Note: they are both talking in impolite form, so I am also trying to use more casual words instead of rigid ones)

「Hee, Can you really play a normal RPG for such a long period of time? .....Huh, your level is freaking high ?!!」

「It ain't too bad」

Seeing the shocked face of Katsuki, he was pretty satisfied with the reaction he was getting, and he felt a little proud so he responded smugly.

「This game can only go up to a max level of 255 before the counter stops going up. Most likely I think I can do it by tomorrow」

「That so? It seems to take a lot of dedication to level up. That's amazing, if you leveled up that much the last boss must be a piece of cake」

「Eh? There is no such thing as defeating a last boss ya know? 」

Taiyou raised his face and had an expression that said,「What are you on about? 」

「You can't defeat the last boss? Then what's the point of raising your level? 」

「……..Because there is experience points to grind? 」

「I don't understand the point! It's even more confusing than climbing a mountain! 」

Katsuki fiercely pestered Taiyou.

「I mean, if you can't even defeat a last boss, why do you try so hard to raise your level? Is it really that fun? 」

「It's really fun, because when you increase the level in game, you become that much stronger! 」

「Well that fact is true, after all a game is made to be that way」

「That's the reason I am playing」

「???」

Hearing Taiyou's response, Katsuki tilted his head and had a totally confused expression on his face.

Although it wasn't such a complex matter, When Taiyou tried to explain to others in detail all he got was weird looks in return, therefore Taiyou did not explain any further.

He just became silent, and whilst walking, went back to grinding out those experience points.

The female warrior in the game continued to defeat the dark grey colored monsters.

Although the amount of experience this monster gave wasn't that high, this particular monster was easy to defeat, and within this game it was the most time efficient way to grind out experience points.

Although he didn't count properly and cannot say for sure, the amount of times he has defeated this particular monster can be approximated to be over 10,000 times.

Knowing such a fact, rather than a game, it was closer to calling it a chore. However, Taiyou didn't mind this fact at all.

Even if it was a chore, if it allowed him to raise his level, he would gladly and continuously repeat the action.

He was just that type of human being.

Although Katsuki walked side by side with Taiyou who was focused on his game, for a brief moment. He soon discovered his many close friends, and he raised his hands to wave at them.

「Good morning, Kazane-chan, Kotone-chan and Suzune-chan. Even today the loveliness you three girls display is multiplied by 3! Oh by the way, I happened to overhear the conversation the other day, I heard that because you guys are identical triplets, you guys all like the same guy, is this true? 」

Taiyou raised his head and glimpsed at them. The people Katsuki was talking to just then was precisely the three girls. Although they are identical triplets, they are a bit different from other triplets, this is because they are very famous girls. Not only are they really cute, they are very popular and have a celebrity status.

Hearing Katsuki's words, Taiyou thought, if only I could get a girlfriend as beautiful as these girls……but he quickly shook off those thoughts out of his head.

After all he was just the average Joe whilst the other party were very desirable, he thought this privately for second, before he went back into his own game world.

Even at school Taiyou, spends his free time trying to level up.

Even if there was only a minute of break time, he would immediately pull out his smart phone, peta peta pochi pochi (sounds of him pressing buttons on his phone) he would dedicate his time to slaying the same monster with the female warrior over and over.

After long years of arduously leveling up, even when he started a new game he would soon find some sort of leveling loophole whereby he would find and defeat the monster that gave the most experience.

Even now, he found himself the perfect hunting grounds. Which gave him the highest amount of experience points, and he would focus all his efforts on grinding out his levels.

Right after school, the amount of experience he accumulated in his character finally exceeded 99%. He calculated that he could level up every 30 minutes following his crazy methods.

For him clearing a game doesn't entail achieving a completed story or by defeating the final boss, it was about achieving the highest level possible.

In other words, because he was so close to clearing the game in his eyes, his tension naturally rose to the limits.

Just like how he went to school, he took the same path on his way home, he was walking as usual whilst playing on his smart phone.

(Just a bit more…….99.51, 99.52, 99.53……..)

With each monster he defeated he gained 0.01% EXP, in the beginning this piled up very quickly, however, now that he is so close to his goals, every percent was counted down. His heartbeat began to quicken, and he did something he normally wouldn't do, which is confirm each time he gained an experience point.

He became excited, and it became all that could fill his head.

Because of this, the things he would normally do coincidentally slipped from his mind, and he ended up not doing them.

The thing he was doing until just recently was completely neglected.

That is watching where he was going.

——-DONN! (Crash sound effect)

Suddenly his vision darkens/blurred out, he bumped into something right in front of him, and at the same time a small shriek was heard.

In that moment of excitement, his smart phone slipped from his sweaty hands and vanished.

「ahh……」

His smart phone flew away like a parabola flying through space and he saw all this happening in slow motion.

It’s almost as if his world had stopped and a feeling that something bad was about to happen.

He understood that with his intuition, he desperately reached out towards his phone strap with futility.

However, His body could not keep up. Although his brain was in an accelerated state, he was nothing more than a human being.

Slowly his phone strap left his fingers. His intention is to grab his phone, but his body won’t react.

Only in his mind was he able to grab his phone. Before long, the smart phone which has exceeded its trajectory, begins to fall down—-

———DOKA ! BAKI BAKI BAKI! (Sound effects of phone tumbling)

The phone which fell into the road, was run over by a truck and smashed into small little pieces, he couldn’t believe his eyes nor process the information, so all he could do was stare dumbfounded at the broken pieces.

He did not have a recollection of how he returned to his own room. Before he realized it he was in his own 6 squared one room complex, and the shattered pieces of his smart phone was left on his desk whilst he blankly stared at the pieces.

His most prized possession moved no longer, it was because the damage the phone received was nothing like a cracked glass which resembled a spider's web, it was fatally and thoroughly grind to dust.

Suddenly, something entered his field of vision.

It was the thing that existed on the other side of this table, inside his wooden bookshelf. In that shelf there was a large quantity of games and save data's memory, not only that there was also the previous generation of smart phones which he had used.

All the things had one thing in common, that was, it contained all the data that he had accumulated, and every single smart phone device had a character which was max level in it.

Seeing his prized treasures, the feeling of depression which dropped him to the bottom was replaced with a burning motivation.

He stared intently at his shattered smart phone.

「This time round, I won't fail to raise to the highest level alright! 」

This, he pledged. Thereupon, as if was responding to his oath.

「Do you want to increase? 」

「Eh? 」

「Do you want to increase in level? 」

As if he misheard, he was hearing an echo of a woman's voice inside his head.

「Wh, who is it? Who's talking to me? 」

「Its' me, It's me, Hey over here～」

It was as if someone was playing tricks on him.

「Where are you, show your form! 」

Taiyou rapidly stood up and dashed towards the broom which was nearby in his room, he proceeded to take a vigilant stance with it in hand.

「Okay, Please wait a minute～」

Immediately after, the shattered pieces of phone which were on his table began to glitter/shine. After that, shattered pieces gathered together and spun around in high velocity like a tornado, before long it changed into particles of light. The particle of light continuously merges into a solid like shape……it was turning into something very human like.

If one were to describe it, it was like one of those fantastical beings, the being called a fairy.

Taiyou was completely bewildered and he lost his words. What used to be before his eyes was a real smart phone, but unbelievably it turned into a real living fairy!

Chapter 3: And at the Park…..

「Do you want to increase in level? 」(Hera says the shortened word Reberage “Level Increase”)

「Did you say Level Increase? 」

「That’s right. Ah, could it be you didn’t understand that? “Level Increase” is also known as Leveling Up, or more simply put, it’s when you accumulate enough Experience Points by doing various things in the field in order to Level—」

「That explanation is way too complicated and even harder to understand. Not that I don’t like it but」

He put one hand forward and used it to rub his temple. (Temple as in forehead temple) As of this moment, he really doesn’t know how to react to the situation which just occurred in front of him.

For the time being, let me try pinching my cheeks.

「It hurts」

「What’s the matter? Taiyou-chan is still level 1, so even if you pinch your cheeks you won’t get any experience you know? ～」

「I know that doing this sort of thing won’t increase my experience points……the better question is, you, what are you exactly? 」

「Me? I am the Level Fairy, My name is Hera. ah, just letting you know I'm the Level Fairy, not the Level Deity, therefore, don't get any weird ideas about doing any ecchi pranks on me kay〜?」

「Sorry, I am below 18 years of age, so I don't really understand that kind of material」

Taiyou had very distant eyes. Contrary to his words, his mind was still filled with the trauma of not being able to raise his female swordsman's to the max level.

「Is that really so? However, I am really happy that you aren't going to play any mean tricks on —— muah! 」(muah = "me" said in a really cutesy way)

Taiyou grabbed Hera and began to touch all over her body.

「What are you doing?! Didn't you just promise me you wouldn't do anything ecchi? 」

「Ahh, I had to make sure that you were real. I thought your body may not have any substance」

「You can touch me ya know, At least Taiyou-chan can」

「Only me? 」

「Yes. Only Taiyou-chan can touch me. Other people cannot see me let alone touch me. Because I am an exclusive being in charge of Taiyou-chan」

「Is that the case? 」

「It's true～. At any rate Taiyou-chan is really composed, this is the first time since I was born that someone was not surprised by seeing me」

「…… Is this, perhaps, one of those punch line jokes, where because this is the first job you had since you were born, you are trying to show redeeming qualities of an experienced worker」

「Biku! 」(Sound effects of Hera shuddering)

Hera's body trembled exaggeratedly.

「I hit it right on the mark, didn't I? Well, I guess this kind of thing happens way too often doesn't it 」

「Taiyou-chan…..You are way to composed」

「I've been told that a lot, when I am angry or when I surprised people tell me that I am so calm that it's disgusting」

「Is that so? 」

「……To put this together, you are some sort of a Fairy, and I have achieved some sort of qualifications, and you are my supervisor which can allow me to gain some level ups, is that a good overview? 」

「That was a lot you had to say….. But that is correct, you understood so quickly this saves me a lot of time～」

「If you were a god, you would probably be able to explain this a lot faster. Well, you are somewhat of a similar race so let's leave it at that」

Taiyou, had a distant look on his face again but for a completely different reason. He had a look on his face that said, I can't believe this is happening to me.

「Nevertheless, why did you choose me? 」

「Umm, it's because of this」

Hera buoyantly/floating over the table and flew towards the wooden book shelf. And she began to softly touch the cleared game data and game software which was on the shelf.

「It's because Taiyou-chan has love/affection～」

「love? 」

「Yes, the love of raising a level. That's why I chose you Taiyou-chan～」

「That's all there is to it? 」

「A person who can continue to carry things out to the extremes, is rare in this world. A person like Taiyou-chan who would complete every single game they played until the max level is like one person in 100 million. In Japan, you are the only one」

「……weirdly enough, that doesn't make me too happy. Well, at least I know the reason now」

Taiyou let out a light sigh.

「So, what do I have to do in order to gain experience points? Do I have to encounter some Yakuza/hoodlums in the vicinity and fight against them? Just letting you know but I am really weak, I won't be able to defeat a goblin let alone a slime」

「It's alright〜, gaining experience points is nothing difficult like what you mentioned, in the beginning anyone can do it〜…… It's more like doing a repetitive chore/task」

「I am completely used to doing something boring in order to level up, I don't care about that at all. So, what is the task exactly? 」

「Yes〜….. ah, something came up just in time〜. Its this〜」(Note: Hera talks in a cutesy manner so I am adding ~ whenever she ends with なのです)

Saying those things, Hera pointed towards a box under the shelf as if it

was her most prized possession. The box was about as big as her, Taiyou grabbed it and took a long hard look at it.

「……..Jenga?」(note: Jenga is a game where players take turns in removing blocks from a tower in order to balance it on top)

「That's right, First off take it out from the box and please arrange/pile it on the table」

「Like this? 」

「Now then, please destroy/demolish it in one go」

「……..Like this? 」

「Once the blocks have all fallen, now please proceed to piling it up again」

「……..Oi, don't tell me? 」

「With this your experience points went up by 1! 」

「Hey! This really is a chore! 」

「That's what I told you, the task is something of a fatigue duty～. What will you do? 」

「No, even so, I will continue to do it」

Taiyou continued to repeat the action. He piled up the blocks, then he tips them over, then he piles it up again and tips them over again.

No matter which angle you saw it from, you would think that what he was doing was a completely useless action.

「.....Do you really think this will increase my level? 」

Suddenly, Hera had a serious look and she listened intently. Taiyou also glanced at Hera in return.

「If I was to talk about this to other random people, let's see..... If I told people that I had memory loss and suddenly discovered I had a miniature fairy as a sister, I would be immediately kicked out of my home, and most likely dragged away by a yellow ambulance (for crazy people).that's because to other people you are an inexplicable life existence. That's pretty much what would happen」

「Is that so〜? 」

「Anyhow, you, are you a living life form? Do you need to eat something to survive? 」

「Food? I don't really need to eat anything to live, but I can also choose to eat. My foundations are omnivorous just like a human, I can eat anything a human can, however if it is at all possible, I prefer to eat meals with a low/diluted/sparse salt content」

「Ahhh, so you like Dog Food? 」

「Hey! I am not a dog! 」

「Alright fine, I understand, From now on I will officially call you by the name Hera」

「He……tsu, Wait a moment, isn't that the thing that Taiyou-chan wanted to get so badly, the one that was in front of the station?」(It doesn't state where he gets her name from. Most likely it's a name from a game or maybe the name of one of his characters?)

「Unexpectedly you know various things eh, because you were a level up Fairy I thought that you would only have knowledge about gaming. Even though you were just born today, how do you even remember such things? 」

Whilst Taiyou was continuing to pile up and demolish his Jenga blocks, he tried to gain some information out of Hera.

「uuuu…That's cheating, Taiyou-chan is way too composed～」

Whilst he continues his laborious work of piling up and destroying his Jenga blocks for experience points, he tried to ask various questions to Hera in the hopes of gleaming out some sort of useful information, however in the end he didn't really gain anything of value.

After a while, most of the interest he had towards Hera's background was gone.

(More importantly I wonder what happens when I gain a level? and if I achieve the maximum level I wonder what I will be able to do?)

Taiyou is a person whom has always raised his game characters to the maximum level. From his general knowledge of gaming, when a person gains a level they will be able to increase their abilities, and if they hit the maximum level, at the very least they will be an invincible/unrivaled existence within the game.

However, this was the real world, and in normal circumstances he wouldn't even be able to raise his level let alone gain experience points. It was very natural that he thought about these things as he was suddenly given the power to be able to raise a level by Hera, and it made him imagine the endless possibilities.

Whilst thinking of the various possibilities, he continued to pile up and demolish the Jenga blocks for a period of one hour.

「Oh」

Hera awoke with a start, and then as if she was dancing around a tree she jumped up.

「Terere te te te–♪ Taiyou-chan Leveled up! You are now Level 2〜」

「Did it finally happen? With that said, it took a pretty long time to raise

my level from 1 to 2 didn't it? 」

「That's just how this works～」

「That so. Well, now what? I increased my level after all」

「Yes, various abilities have gone up～ Ah, Taiyou-chan it's your real life abilities that went up you know? It a little bit different from the normal parameters a human would normally increase, but still, various abilities really did increase okay～? 」

「Huh? 」

「And also your cold has disappeared/recovered, your body/skin is gleaming and your nose has cleared up～ 」

「Why is it my cold?! Well it is natural that your status/stats recover when you level up but.」

「Now now～, we will be moving on to the abilities that you gained, okay～」

「Oh, ooo.....」 (I think this is his reaction getting of getting excited : P?)

Taiyou was attacked by a strange sensation. His head was instantly filled with a torrent of information that consisted of characters and numbers which rushed through his field of vision.

「Strength 21, Agility 3, HP.....This kind of feels like a great amount of abilities to examine」

Whilst trying to grasp an understanding of his own abilities, he tried to process the information and compare it with his abundant gaming knowledge. It was mostly very similar to the games he usually played so he had an easy time grasping the main concepts of his increase in abilities.

Incidentally, he saw an ability value that he wasn't familiar with.

「Popularity 1, Charm 0.....Hmm, This feels like reality just hit me in the face」(interestingly, it says Harem (ハーレム) instead of charm but I think the author meant Charm so...)

「Eh? What happened? 」

「Don't worry about it, its nothing.」

Taiyou said this whilst exhaling/sighing. He grasped the concepts of the abilities that he raised in one go, and acknowledged that for a level 1 character, his stats fit the bill.....Reality also hit him hard as, he realized that his popularity and charm were close to non-existent.

However, he was satisfied with this. As he a hobby, rather than increasing an average amount of status points and distributing evenly, he would rather focus on one thing and be great at that thing.

For that purpose, he became motivated more than ever.

「Now then, shall we grind out a bit more? 」

Saying this Taiyou went back to piling up the Jenga blocks, however.

「Ah, that's not right. What you need to do now, to get experience points, now that you have achieved level two is different. Simply put, every level the things you must do to advance will be different～」

「Is that so? Then what do I have to do next? 」

「Umm that is…. Please dig up a hole」

「In this way, in order for him to raise his level, he went towards the park in blissful ignorance, not knowing that a certain policeman was waiting for his arrival.」

Chapter 4: Overflowing After School

Night time: On the way home.

Taiyou was completely exhausted. Even though he tried to explain himself, he was taken custody into the police station as he was doing something so suspicious, in the police station he was interrogated thoroughly, but when they investigated from the beginning in reality all he did was dig up some holes and then bury them, therefore no matter how much they examined the scene, all they found was a pile of dirt and couldn't really pin anything on him.

In the end, he was treated as a weird/eccentric person and he got his innocence proven therefore he was able to be liberated from his arrest.

「Darn it.....This is the first time since I was born that I have experienced being treated this way by policeman.....」

「That was a terrible ordeal wasn't it〜? Are you going to eat a Katsu Donbori before you go home? 」(Note: Katsu Donbori is a delicious bowl of rice topped with fried pork cutlet, egg, and condiments.)

Hera looked towards Taiyou with a sympathetic gaze, whilst floating delicately beside him.

「I'm not eating! I mean, whose fault do you think this is?.....」

「Mmmmm～」

Hera pondered for a bit.

「Is it by any chance～? Taiyou's Mother～? 」(how adorably kawaii this fairy is)

「Why would it be my mother, whom you have never even seen her face! No matter how we look at this it's clearly your fault! 」

「Eh～ is it me? 」

「The one who made me dig a whole and the one who kept talking to me whilst there was someone right in front of me, wasn't that all you?」

「That's not entirely true, I only taught you how to gain the experience, and giving a report when you level up is my sole purpose in life～ Even Taiyou-chan at that time when you were playing that game and you ambushed by the metal knight from the side and got surprised, you instinctively pressed your panic "defence" button to protect yourself」

「.....When I level up, you can't stop your function of reporting? 」

「It is impossible, it's my instinct～」

「.....In that case, in the instance that I am not next to you and you need to report to me can't you wait until you see me? Or more like, can you not talk to me when I am in the presence of others?」

「If it's that much I can do it〜」(Note: it seems although she cannot desist from reporting all together, she can still report at a later time)

「In that case, Please do so in the future. If you talk to me in front of others, sooner or later, people will seriously suspect that I have a mental illness and I'll be thrown into hospital.」

「Please be at ease, even in a hospital you can still raise your level〜〜」

Although she was still talking to me a while ago, somehow, in the middle of her speech Hera has suddenly become silent.

「Hera……? 」

After calling out her name Taiyou was taken aback.

When looking at his surroundings, Taiyou saw the figures of three young girls appearing around the corner, and because Hera was able to sense their presence, he understood that she was immediately adhering to the rules he just set up moments ago.

Furthermore, when he looked closer at the people once more, he remembered seeing them somewhere before…..more than that he realised that he knew these three girls.

「Hayakawa-san」

When he heard that name being said, Taiyou stopped walking and stood in place.

The three girls just around the street corner, were of course, from the Hayakawa family, the triplet sisters. They are very unusual, they were his classmate and they were girls with a celebrity status.

Although they probably know of his existence, they didn't have a particular meaningful point of interaction to be on friendly terms, therefore Taiyou attempted to let them go past him without saying hello.

However, when the girls arrived within 5 metres of him, they stopped walking, and all three of them stared directly at Taiyou.

「Ara」

「Aren't you?.....」

「Natsuno Taiyou」

「He, Hey. Hayakawa-san's are you guys heading home? 」

Although he asks a question, the girls didn't respond back. For some reason or other, the three of them widen their eyes and showed him a bewildered facial expression.

「Hayakawa-san.....?」

「Are you really..... Natsuno Taiyou? 」

「Our Classmate」

「And the person who is always playing games」

「Eh? Yeap, that's me.....」

Why are they asking such a question, moreover, why did they go out of their way to stop walking and greet him, Taiyou pondered in his head.

As if they were responding to his question, the three sisters formed a circle and began to privately murmur about something.

They conversation was suddenly put on hold and he couldn't just suddenly leave them now, therefore Taiyou had no other choice but to stand in place, whilst observing what they would do next.

Kotone, Suzune and Kazane.

It is as the name suggests they possess the exact same face and are identical triplets.

But if you say they cannot be discerned from each other, that is incorrect. For some reason, although they have the exact same face, their heights were all within 10 centimetres difference of each other. (LOL.....)

Kotone looks to be approximately a first year high school girl height, whereas Suzune looks like a middle school girl and Kazane looks like an elementary kid wearing a back pack, she was just that out of place and had a short stature.

Although they had the same face, their heights were totally disproportional, and that actually made them even more famous.

(Nevertheless……They are really pretty/beautiful)

Looking at these girls, he truly thought such a thing in his mind.

No matter which girl, they were cute, and without restraint he could praise all three for their beautiful face and flawless skin, they had striking black obsidian eyes and perfectly arranged lovely lips. When the three are lined up, if you exclude the fact that they had small breasts, they didn’t have a single flaw on their bodies, they were Bishoujou’s.

(Illustration: Three Sisters Meeting Taiyou After School)

Whilst the girls were whispering amongst themselves, they would at times flicker their gaze towards Taiyou.

What are they talking about? Taiyou was thinking.

「Taiyou-chan～, Taiyou-chan～」

Hera talked to him. Without turning his gaze towards Hera, Taiyou whispered back.

「What is it? I thought you promised me you wouldn't talk to me in the presence of other people」

「Im sorry～, however there is something I am a little anxious/worried about～」

「What is it? 」

「Are those people, Taiyou-chan's girlfriend? 」

「Ha? 」

Taiyou opened his eyes wide, and he turned his gaze towards Hera.

「What kind of nonsense are you spouting now, you? Of course that isn't the case」

「They aren't? ～ that's a little weird....～」

「.....can you sense some sort of good impression or that kind of

parameter from them or something?」

Just a moment ago Hera displayed to him the abilities he gained whilst leveling in the park, at that moment he remembered something, and he wanted to ask Hera in order to confirm something.

「Nope, It's just female intuition〜」

「it was just your intuition? Opps, I shouted out without thinking」

Taiyou timidly turned to check on the three sisters, luckily the girls were still absorbingly whispering to each other and they didn't realize at all of the previous slip up Taiyou just made.

However leaving Hera aside, in this situation it seems that not far in the future, he had a feeling the situation will go out of control, therefore he had an overbearing sensation that it would be a good idea to leave right now.

「In that case, Hayakawa-san, I will see you tomorrow at the school」(he is preparing to leave)

「Ah, Wait a moment」

「We have something to talk to you about」

「3 minutes……1 minute, no all we need is just 30 seconds」

The three sisters who were in a conference discussion of their own shouted out to stop Taiyou from walking away, it would seem that they had a frantic expression.

「Haa, Alright then, if you guys can keep it brief」

In order to comply, the girls quickly closed the gap between them, they went straight to Taiyou with upturned eyes and gazed intently at him. It was the kind of gaze that seemed to be filled with infatuation, and Taiyou who has never in his life experienced such a situation, had his heart beat throbbing.

However, his thumping heart were soon changed to a different kind of feeling.

「「「Please, Go, Out with Us! 」」」

Taiyou spontaneously began to doubt/suspect his hearing.

When he returned home, Taiyou immediately collapsed unto his bed.

He had only been out for several hours, however, there was so many things that happened that he felt completely exhausted. For today, he wanted to just tuck himself in bed and go straight to sleep.

「Taiyou-chan～, Taiyou-chan～」

However Hera was following him around and flying around his ear like

an irritating mosquito.

「.....What is it? 」

「Taiyou-chan, you reached level 3 in the park a little while ago, would you like to check the abilities values ～? 」

「.....Ahh, now that you say it, I haven't actually seen the changes」

Hearing the fact that he leveled up, some energy/power returned into his tired eyes. He was continuously interrupted by the string of events which consisted of the policeman and the three Hayakawa sisters and he completely forgot about leveling.

He got up from bed, crossed his legs and arms and turned towards Hera's direction.

「Alright, then please tell me about my stats」

「As you wish～」

Requested to fulfill her ultimate role in life, Hera was extremely pleased and responded joyfully, she immediately transferred the knowledge directly to Taiyou's brain which once again were like hurricane of characters flowing into him. Several hours ago in the park the same phenomenon occurred.

Once again he started to check his status one by one.

「As I suspected, it seems my build is like the archetype of a power soldier/combatant/warrior. I also need to examine the rate of increase..... Hey Hera, is my stats high against average standards? Or is it actually low? 」

「I'm Sorry～, I am not too sure about that～」

She spoke in an apologetic manner.

「Is that so, well it's not a big deal, I am happy as long as I am able to level up」

Even if this was just all a big joke and it was all just a game..... As he was thinking these thoughts, suddenly.....

Popularity: 0

Charm: 65535 (This could may well be Harem and or Attractiveness, Not yet disclosed what this stats actually does)

Even though before, he remembered Popularity being at 1 it now turned to 0, it was something that made him feel pathetic and depressed, however both numbers had changed. Not only that, the other number changed so ridiculously that he doubted his own eyes!

Chapter 5: Uninvited School Rumble

As a new day begins, much like any normal student would do, Taiyou went to school.

He attended a private high school named Orikan, he was in first grade class A. To get to his class room, he needed to enter the school building, go up the stairs and walk to the furthest part of the building that is where he goes to attend school every day.

Until yesterday, he had a very easy going attitude when attending school, he would nonchalantly listen to his lectures and in his free time he would be playing some sort of game whilst levelling up. Without generating any special events his life would continue in a peaceful manner, it was that kind of uninteresting place.

However, today was different.

「Natsuno-kun, have you chosen the classes you are going to attend? 」

「Natsuno-kun, if you defeat this mushroom like thing will you gain something called a level? 」

「Natsuno-kun, I completely don’t get how to play this game? 」

A little before homeroom started, the three Hayakawa Sisters found Taiyou on his way to school, they immediately pulled out their smart phones and surrounded Taiyou. They completely ignored the stares of the surrounding people, and pestered Taiyou with gaming questions.

Taiyou was baffled by this. He thought the three sister’s actions were a mystery, the other people in the vicinity started to gather and whisper about something or other, and the girls seems to get closer and closer to

him, because of this he was able to experience a fragrant womanly scent coming from the girls.

Like a rich dribble of honey, it was a refreshing citrus like smell, it was a tantalising smell that could melt his brains.

Taiyou whom had no luck with women until now, just being in close proximity with the girls, one part of his body began to have a reaction it shouldn't have.

He desperately tried to retain his reasoning, and asked the three sisters.

「Umm.....You guys, what do I owe this pleasure to? 」

「We really want to do the things that you like to do, together」

「Before that, it's completely fine for you to speak to us without honorifics, alright」

「Yeah, it would be nice if you could talk to us in a more carefree manner〜」

「Well, even if you say that..... Why did you guys suddenly do this? 」

After exchanging glances with one another, the three sisters began to answer one after another like a relay.

「Do you remember, the thing we said last night? 」

「We are really serious about it」

「We want to do the things you like doing」

「uuuu.....」

「「「Do you dislike..... us three? 」」」

The three sisters had a painful look in their eyes, as they waited expectantly for an answer. Looking at such a facial expression, Taiyou couldn't help but gulp.

If he were asked to clarify whether he disliked them or not, Taiyou could answer with confidence that he most definitely did not hate them.

Certainly, these three women were a little different from the normal twins. If you took their individual photos you wouldn't even be able to suspect that they were different people, however in reality as explained before the three has a fatal distinction in which their heights were different from each other.

Kotone's height is 150 cm, Suzune was 140 cm and Kazane was like a little red riding hood at a height of 130 cm.

Taiyou didn't really have an idea, why the three sisters suddenly behaved like this, at any rate, it was harder for him to ignore their feelings.

Previously the girls held little favour towards Taiyo. Now they suddenly confessed their love, rather than saying that he didn't like it, it was more like he was jumping in joy deep inside.

Therefore Taiyou decided to honestly answer to their feelings.

「I don't hate you girls, on the contrary, I'm quite happy」

「「「Really?! We are so glad!!」」」

「「「In that case, with us—」」」

「Uwa—」

Taiyou interrupted what the sisters were about to say with his own surprised shout. It was just like what happened last night.....Most likely

they were about to confess to him again, however if they were to confess inside his classroom, he felt like there would be repercussions, so he attempted to stop them from saying it.

「Its amazing, he's so popular. As expected of my Taiyou-chan〜」

When homeroom break started, lacking any true motives he ran away from the three sisters, and he went in the gymnasium whilst calling out to Hera. Hera's face was full of smiles, but Taiyou on the contrary had a complicated expression on his face.

「Did I really become popular....? 」

「Aren't ya happy〜? Those three.....Kotone, Suzune and Kazane, aren't they really cute girls? Being liked by those cute girls are you somehow displeased? 」

「Those girls are really cute.....I mean even if they weren't cute, being pampered/spoiled by three girls I'm extremely happy, however..... When it's such an obscure/unknown/ambiguous reason and they approached me like today, I instead felt unpleasant 」

Taiyou let out a sigh and looked seriously towards Hera. He suddenly remembered a certain thing.

「Hey, am I unable to see my status unless I level up? 」

「That is not the case, 〜 Even if you would like to see your status right now I can bring it up for you〜」

「In that case, Please show me one more time」

「Coming right up〜」

After her answer of approval, Hera floated into the air and did a back flip. When Taiyou was in the process of thinking, there is probably some kind of meaning to what she was doing, his head was once again flooded with information and numerals. It was exactly the same as last night, the images went directly to his brain and displayed a clear image, much like the sensation you get when having a daydream.

He flew quickly through the irrelevant information such as: Strength and HP, and Taiyou focused on the information he truly desired. He soon found it.

Charm/Harem 65535

「It's probably because of this stat」

「This one is it〜.....Eh? 」

「What's wrong? 」

「This is, a little weird〜. The numerical value is also weird, it was supposed to go down, but it went up instead〜」

「Even though it went down, it went up? —- You, do you know what the previous number was? 」

「I remember it〜 if I'm not mistaken charm/harem was at a value of 0〜 」

「If it decreased from 0……So that's how it is, Its Overflow! 」

Taiyou was startled and spoke.

In a game he played awhile back, the numerical had an upper limit and a lower limit, when either side was exceeded, they would instead force the numeral's to flow in reverse. In this scenario the value of charm/harem which was originally at 0 decreased, most likely there is no such thing as a negative value in this world, therefore it reversed and instead became a

ridiculously large numeric.

「Aside from that……」

Taiyou took a glimpse at Hera. By guessing, he concluded that the sudden rise in popularity received by the three sisters was because of this fact.

At night, Taiyou aimed to become level 4, his current task this time around was to flip over a one yen coin repeatedly. This time the action is a simple matter, all he needed to do was go to his table and start flipping the 1 yen coin to heads then flip it back to tails, and just do this repeatedly……That was the kind of chore it was.

Although it was a similar type of repetitive duty as yesterday's event in the park, he could do this particular action at home and Taiyou felt really relieved from the fact that he wouldn't have to be "indebted" to the policeman once again.

[Nevertheless, Taiyou-chan is a really serious person isn't he〜? You would get a standing ovation from all the American's for your seriousness, ya know〜」

「What a false picture you paint! American's wouldn't do such a thing as standing in unison」

Taiyou experienced Goosebumps just imagining the situation.

「More importantly, what do you mean by seriousness? 」

「Well I mean, you are able to continuously perform these meaningless tasks without resting〜」

「The one making me do these things is you, ain't it Moreover, not even

3 hours has passed, and if you could level up anyone would do it if they only needed 3 hours」

「Is that so〜? 」

Taiyou nodded and with distant eyes he let out a laugh, (sound effect = pfft)

「I used to play this net game, and comparing the amount of time it took to gain even one level, this is nothing…..」

「Look here/you know what though? Taiyou-chan」

「Un? 」

「In later stages of this process……. When you reach a high level, it may be just as hard as it was in that game ya know〜? 」

Hera had an apologetic look on her face.

「……..All I have to do is just continue to grind it out to level right? And when I gain a level my stats will increase right? 」

「Yes, I can guarantee that—! 」

「In that case, it's all good.」

Taiyou interrupted whatever Hera was about to say with those words. He then returned, to continue to turn his 1 yen coin back from heads to tails and vice versa.

As long as he keeps doing an action he will continue to increase his abilities, which in itself is his obsession and his number one reason for levelling.

In real life there are way too many things in which you can do, but won't be rewarded for it. As a student sure if he studies hard he may be rewarded in the long run, however, even then, all a student can do is to increase his grades.

However in a game, the more you increase your level, the higher your abilities will be. In other words, the amount of hard work you put in will inevitably be rewarded.

This is why comparing to the previous work he did yesterday, and knowing that it is a certain fact that he will grow as a person and receive rewards, for Taiyou doing these kinds of repetitive chores has value/merit.

This is why even now he continues to flip his coin repeatedly from head's to tails.

At the same time he was thinking about a completely different thing inside his head.

Kotone, Suzune and Kazane. The three triplet sisters, whom had differing heights.

The three girls really did say, 'Please go out…. with us'. And also this morning the same words were repeated.

This was him genuinely becoming popular, Taiyou was elated and he rejoiced as he knew he didn't have a genuine/pure personality. If Hera did not exist, he would of assumed that there was a hidden camera somewhere, or some sort of badger game being played on him, Or perhaps, he may have assumed that 'ahhh the earth is probably going to explode and I'm going to die tommorrow' as that would be more likely than getting confessed by the three girls.

However, now he had a real explanation as to why he was so popular he could believe it was true, and it was all due to his status「Charm: 65535」

It wasn't the normal kind of confession. These three girls brazenly stated「「「Please go out with us!」」」. Considering the high value of the stat, he could somewhat understand why the effects were so exaggerated.

Although he could accept the fact, he had absolutely no idea how to handle it.

Before he got his abilities, He had barely any relations with woman, he had never been out on dates before let alone, have any idea what to say to a girl. He really didn't have any of that date experience at all.

「.....ah～」

Suddenly as if she noticed something Hera raised her voice, her eyes and body were turned towards Taiyou's home entrance. In the next moment, in one breath's time the doorbell wrung.

In such a time who could it be? He imagined it to be some sort of telemarketer and simulated how he would decline their offers, he stood up and went towards his entrance and casually opened the door.

What stood before him were the feminine presence of three very cute looking girls wearing casual clothing, they were the three twin sisters.

He was already surprised at their sudden visit, but even more shocking was what they each held in their right hands.

「You guys……What is going on?.....」

What they brought along was, packed to the brim, a poston bag. (Note: basically a luggage bag)

Chapter 6: The Youth with an Unbalanced Diet

Taiyou’s room: it’s a standard one unit bedroom for a single person.

Normally the smell in his room gave subdued and calming atmosphere, now if one were go into his room, they would smell the fragrant scent of the girls which most definitely did not calm him down. (Note: here he uses the words women’s odour)

No, it’s not entirely correct to use the words a “smelly odour” of women. Although there is not mistake in calling it that, it is inappropriate to call the scent coming from the girls a “smelly odour”.

In that case, what would be the best way to describe it? —-Because since he was born, three girls never entered his room like this before, he totally panicked and he couldn’t think of any words to describe it.

All his life, the only people of the opposite sex that would have come into his room was just his mother.

Inside his bedroom where the low table was at, three young girls and a youth was sitting in place.

Facing towards Taiyou, the three girls were setting on their knees with a straight posture. The girls had a feverish gaze towards him, their amorous glances were excessively passionate, and when he returned their gaze, it was almost enough to give him a burn!

Taiyou's heart began to rapidly beat, and he was flustered.

「Umm, Hayakawa-san—-」

「My name is Kotone」

「Call me is Suzune」

「Call me Kazane」

「Eh? 」

「Please call us by our first names」

「Not even adding -san? 」(When people become very close, they can remove honorific's, this is the girls method of trying to get closer to him :P)

「Please do so!!」

They had a very first-class tone.

Talking like a relay, they slowly raised bowed whilst pressing three fingers of each hand on the floor.

Surprised by their actions Taiyou quickly raised himself.

「Wai, wait you guys, stop it, raise your heads—」

「「「Before you call our names we aren't going to move from this position」」」

He's not sure how they did do it, but their voices seems to harmoniously come out at the same time.

Because they were so beautifully lined up, he just couldn't refuse their request as he didn't want to let them down.

「In that case….Kazane—-s」

In the last second, just as he was about to use the honorific 「-san」, he repressed his words and called Kazane's name out without honorifics.

This is the first time ever, he's called a female within the same age group as him without any honorifics, and Taiyou felt as if he could not calm down.

Left with such feelings of anxiousness, it did not end there. It would seem that the only one whom raised her face was Kazane.

She watched Taiyou ecstatically, whilst the other two people were still bowing.

Of course he knew without being told, that they were waiting for him to

call out their names.

「Kotone—. Suzune—-, please raise your head, I beg of you」

「Yes! 」

「I understand! 」

In this way, the three girls lifted their heads and once again face towards Taiyou.

Just by calling out their names, even though it was such a simple action, Taiyou was exhausted. Even when he was hunting for monsters three nights in a row, he did not feel the amount of fatigue he felt right now.

He thought that if he continued at this pace with the girls, his body would not be able to keep up, thus Taiyou proceeded to question their intentions for their late night visit. (Note: what else are they here for :P, this noob main char...)

「Ummm……May I ask you guys, why did you guys come here for? 」

「We want to live here with you」

Kotone said.

「……Sorry? Can you write that down so I can understand? 」

——We want to be together with you.

Suzune took out a notebook from her luggage, and proceeded to scribble those words.

「Sorry, it would seem that my eyes are also quite bad 」

—-Petatsu (Sound effect)

Kazane grabbed Taiyou’s hand and put it against her own chest!

「Uwaa—! Wh, Wha, What are you doing?!」

Although the feelings transmitted to the palm of hands were that of a barely developing chest, even then, the stimulus was too strong for Taiyou. He reflexively shook of Kazane’s hands, and slithered backwards close to the wall.

「Ummm, it’s like that, you still don’t understand? 」

「It’s because we like you」

「We want to live together with you」

「…….I mean, even if you say such a thing so suddenly」

「Are we not allowed? 」

「We can do anything, and we are really good at domestic chores/housework」

「If you wish, we can even—」

Kazane's speech was cut half way through and her mouth seemed to freeze up, Almost as if imitating her, the two other sisters simultaneously cast their gaze downwards, whilst having their cheeks dyed red in shame.

Seeing Kazane stop her sentence midway, Taiyou began to think, what kind of words did she have to say? What kind of feelings was she experiencing?

Whilst thinking about such things Taiyou gulped and swallowed his saliva.

If a person of the same sex as him were to ask him these kind of questions, he could just return the question and tell them off by saying "Hmph? Are you kidding me?", However the person asking him the questions were his classmates and most importantly they were the well-known Bishoujo's the Hayakawa family's three sisters.

Expectation was building up inside of Taiyou, but at the same time, he was also baffled by the situation just as equally.

If even after all this, a man does act upon the advances of a woman, he may even be ridiculed as a person destined to die out, However for Taiyou even then he did not for one second think to take advantage of the situation.

The youth named Natsuno Taiyou was a tough nut to crack, he was at the age of his puberty where his hormones would be raging, although this fact just aggravated him even more, Taiyou was a fastidious person and he was very careful about what actions he took.

Coming up until here, he took a complete turn in the opposite direction, instead of being enthusiastic he became nonchalant about the girls staying over.

He let out a sigh and faced the three sisters.

「.....I understand, however there is a condition」

「Yes, understood」

「Hold on a minute」

「We will make preparations-」

「No, on the contrary」

Taiyou declared clearly. The three girls were surprised.

「I’m talking about changing the kind of compensation…..for staying over here」

Even now, the girls were trying to present their bodies to him at any given chance, Taiyou calmly interrupted their words.

He disliked taking advantage of the girls and those kind of exchange conditions.

In the morning, Taiyou could hear distinct and rhythmical sounds of chopping coming from his kitchen, his senses were titillated by the aroma of miso soybeans. Although any of these things should have represented the happiness of a familial life, Taiyou who has never experienced these things took some time to recognise it.

He was inside in his bath tub, which was not filled with water and he was absentmindedly trying to wake from his stupor. Last night he was sleeping in this tub, so his body ached all over. Because of that he couldn’t get much sleep, but, he thought it was much better than sleeping in a cramped room with the three girls.

Last night he refused to sleep together with them, if he were to continue to be in the same space as the girls, without a doubt something irreversible would have happened. For that reason, he took refuge in his own bathroom, and locked the door so the girls could not come in.

It was not as if he disliked the girls, however, he did not have a fondness to the term “repaying favours”, especially not in this way.

Taiyou was like a youth in the middle of his puberty, however he also had this weird side to him that was really uptight.

In a world/society where there are various methods in which young men deal with women, for example, young men:

1. Who are not competitive, in the avid pursuit of money and sex and who may also be kind, co-operative and or family-oriented, and on the other end of the spectrum;

2. A man that aggressively pursues sex and money.

If there was a need to give him a classification, for the time being, Taiyou can be classified as a youth who is either: A person that is not by any means, unpopular or a late bloomer, but will only go out with a girl whom he really likes/ falls in love with; OR the type of nerdy person currently more into games then he is into chasing after women (The type of person he is refers to the title “The Youth with an Unbalanced diet” Note: this translated paragraph was extremely hard to process/understand and convert into meaningful language, if there is still confusion please feel free to ask some questions)

If he doesn’t like it, no matter how delicious the food, he will not eat it. (referring to no matter how tempting a girl is he won’t go for her unless he truly likes her personality)

So that he didn’t say anything that could be mistaken. By his own initiative Taiyou escaped towards his bathroom to sleep.

「Good morning, Taiyou-chan～」

Suddenly in front of his eye Hera showed her appearance/presence. As Hera went through the bedroom wall into the bathroom, he recognised that once again she was a fantastical existence whom was a fairy.

「Ahh, Morning. What are the girls up to? 」

From the sound of things he could make a pretty good guess, however, even then he wanted to ask in order to confirm the situation.

「They are making you breakfast～」

Whilst saying “I see” in acknowledgement Taiyou stood up, he then did stretched out his body and cracked his back to relieve the built up tension.

As if they heard the sound of him cracking his body, there was a knock on the bathroom door.

「Excuse me……are you……awake? 」

The voice sounded like a polite inquiry, and he began to think of which of the three sisters the voice belonged to.

Although the girls had distinctive facial features, when only their voice can be heard from the other side of the wall, he could not pinpoint in the slightest who the voice belonged to. He tried to think of the answer, but after a while, he decided to just leave this matter for now.

(I can’t let them find out the fact that I don’t know what they sound like)

Whilst thinking such things, he faced the wall and answered the question.

「Ahh, Is it alright if I come out? 」

「Yes! 」

「Please go right ahead! 」

「Rin-chan, Fuu-chan, if you don’t move backwards the door won’t open」

The voice seemed to belong to Kotone, soon shuffling noises could be heard on the other side of the door. He waited for the noises to quiet down, and then he cautiously opened the door and exited his bathroom.

What was there, was the three sisters lined up side by side, wearing an apron each.

「.....cute」

Taiyou couldn’t help but to speak without thinking. Hearing those words, the faces of the three sisters turned bright red.

「Is that really true?」

「Umm, can you please say that again?」

「We want you to say it to us individually, alright?」

The three sisters shuffled even closer to him and lined up in a straight line in front of Taiyou. They lined up like they were little kids in elementary school.

The one at the most front of the line was Kazane, she had sparkling/glittering upturned eyes and was gazing at Taiyou.

Although he was still not used to physical contact with girls, even then, merely telling girls in front of him that they were cute was not a problem to him at all.

Taiyou looked straight into their eyes.

「You are cute, Kazane」

「Fuwaa.....」(sound effect of her blushing/swooning)

「You are cute, Suzune」

「Haauu.....」

「You are cute, Kotone」

「Ahhh……」

When he repeated the same words individually to them one by one, the girls facial expression was overcome with emotion, and in that spot they slid down into the ground as if their legs lost strength.

Chapter 7: Transparent Conversational Space

Taiyou took a different path than the three sisters in order to go to school. Without thinking he instinctually ran away, as he was really, quite a shy/introverted person. Although all he did was look directly into their eyes as he called out their names, nevertheless, for Taiyou whom in the past has had minimal interactions with the opposite sex, it was too much for him to endure.

Furthermore, it was hard to return the girls feelings, when it happened so suddenly. Being liked was a pleasant thing, but, when they unconditionally turn their feelings of love towards him, somewhere in his heart he felt bad for the girls. The complexity of the matters combined with the fact that he was merely a young boy of 16 years, made it even more difficult.

And at the same time, the reason their affection increased, and the reason his mind was plagued by guilt was due to the status point….

Charm: 65535

Several days ago, the three Hayakawa twin sisters were merely his regular classmates, and the main drive and the timing as to why this kind of thing happened was way too coincidental, Taiyou thought that without a doubt it was because of that ability.

If he raised the value of the stat, to its highest level, through his own hard work, then as a person whom is crazy about levelling, he could

confidently raise his chest and be proud of his achievements. However, this time it wasn't like that at all, because of a numerical bug called "overflow" the numbers went crazy..... in other words it was a result that was obtained through pure chance/accident/luck and was truly unfair/unjust. Because he did not feel he gained his ability through his own efforts, he could not willingly accept the advantages it provided.

Many years down the track, the person himself will look back at this event and think to himself, with a bitter smile:

"Why did I make such a fuss about such a small matter, if I think carefully I was so childish back then obsessing and being stubborn over things which have little meaning"

「.....Haaa」

Even so, for the Taiyou that was living in the current timeline it was an important matter. Enough for him to let out a frustrated sigh.

「Good morning Natsuno. Eh? You aren't playing a game? 」

「Oh it's you, Nakajima? Yeah, I have a lot going on.....」

As usual on his way to school, the overly buoyant Katsuki was walking side by side with him, and this made him let out another small sigh.

「What's wrong, somehow you don't seem to be well. Is it some sort of personal problem? 」

Nakajima wiggled his pinkie finger, and gave a mischievous/impish/roguish smile. “It was exactly because of that!” Taiyou almost wanted to blurt it out, but, the person known as Katsuki was someone who loved to gossip/tease/banter about love matters, he was a person known for such things and he didn’t want the direction of the conversation to go that way. Knowing this fact Taiyou narrowly managed to suppress his outburst.

「No it’s not what you are thinking, it’s because my smart phone broke」

「By smart phone you mean the newest model phone that you just recently bought? 」

「Yeah」

「For reals? Let me see, let me see, did it have a crack on the screen that resembled a spider web? 」

「More than just a cracked screen, its closer to say it was grind to dust. Immediately after dropping it a car ran over it and crushed it to little pieces」

「Wow…….my condolences to you. Is that so, that’s the reason you weren’t playing games today huh」

「…….That’s how it is」

Taiyou felt relieved. For someone like Katsuki who loved to gossip about love relationships, if the matter with the three twin sisters were exposed, it would become an immense/disastrous thing, as much as possible, he wanted to hide such secrets, Taiyou thought.

「Aside from that, seeing Natsuno without a game in hand, even I'm starting to feel weird」

「Is it to that extent? 」

「Yeah, it makes me unable to calm down. It's like the feeling of seeing a pigeon in front of the station that was afraid to approach the human beings」

「I kind of understand what you are saying but not really.....」

Taiyou had a bittersweet smile.

「But you know, even if you don't have your smart phone, can't you still play some sort of game? In actual fact didn't you used to bring a cell phone and play games on that? 」

「It's because that old thing doesn't have the games that I want to play」

「I see」

Whilst Taiyou was glancing at the consenting Katsuki, he was flipping the 1 yen coin in his hand from heads to tails.

Although he said those things, in truth he really didn't smart phones or cell phones to play games. This is because at this moment in the real world he was levelling up, and the only thing he loved about games was the ability to level.

At least whilst he was still able to make progress in real life, he didn't need to play games, nor did he feel a compulsion to play them either.

Another way to put it is, even though he isn't walking with a game in hand, he feels as if he was playing one right now.

「Good morning Aoba-chan! Today you also look really cute having that ponytail on you! 」

Finishing their superficial talk, Katsuki as per his usual actions, went to find his circle of friends, as he naturally separated from Taiyou and rushed towards his friends. When Taiyou's gaze followed the direction Katsuki was going in, there was a really cute girl with a pony tail that was attached to the top of her head.

It wasn't the casual/easy-going kind of pony tail that was arranged, the pony tail was tied in a cocoon like fashion her bangs also flowed down the nape of her neck elegantly, her few strands of hair that managed to escape the cocoon also added to her amorous look, it was as if she painstakingly arranged her hair in a perfect ponytail.

There are many other people in his class with pony tails, however, there was none that could compare to her beauty, most people had disappointing level of intricacy and most just negligently tied their hair in

any old fashion.

「Hm? 」

At first, it was just Taiyou one-sidedly admiring her pony tail, but, she incidentally/suddenly turned her eyes to face him. Although she was just talking about something with Katsuki, for some reason or other she was now intensely staring in his direction.

No, it was more like she was glaring right at him with her eyes!

(Did I, do something bad to her?)

Her glare seemed to be filled with a negative feeling that it was enough to make him reflexively think such things.

He tried to search his memory, but there was nothing he could remember that would cause him to be hated by her, this was the conclusion he came to.

Although she kept her glare at Taiyou for a conceivable period of time, before long her gaze returned to a normal one and she soon went back to chit chatting with Katsuki whilst going on her way to school.

「Then, I must be going, excuse me」

Time: Mid-Morning, Break time.

He was nominated by one of the teachers to be in cleaning duty for his previous period, and Taiyou barely managed to finish his task with little time to spare, and all he got was a light “thank you” by one of the teaching staff before he went out of the faculty room.

「Hello」

When he was returning to his class room he encountered one of the three twin sisters. It was the tallest one Kotone.

「Kotone…….. You are by yourself? 」

As per usual he was awkwardly trying to suppress saying “-san” as he gulped down his words. Taiyou’s image of the girls were that they were a single unit that acted together, when he encountered just one of them in specific, to him it felt almost like he encountered a rare character within a game.

「Yes, I was trying to find you. We didn’t know where you went, so the three of us split up and searched」

「Oh, you guys separated? 」

「Yes, I will call Suzu-chan and Kaza-chan here alright? 」

「Ahh, ok」

Although he gave her his consent, she just stood in place, she

continued to look at Taiyou whilst smiling at him and it seemed that she was happy about something.

「……..」

「…….」

「Umm…….Weren't you going to call the other two? 」

He wasn't really comfortable with pressing the matter but, even more than that he was a little weirded out by her behaviour that he asked without thinking.

「I already called them」

「Eh? Did you do something? 」

「Yes, I became delighted」

「…….Hm? 」

Taiyou tiled his head in confusion. He was trying to imagine/think of situations that he encountered before that would clarify the matter, but he couldn't pin point any certain thing and he inadvertently tilted his neck in confusion.

「Like I said, I became really happy. Because I became really happy,

Suzu-chan and Kaza-chan will be able to know that I found you」

「Don't tell me, Is this Telepathy? 」

「It most likely is, Even we don't really know how it works. However, we can kind of convey/transmit to each other what kind of feelings we are individually experiencing.」

「Hee–」 (a way Japanese people acknowledge something)

Taiyou spontaneously leaked out a voice of admiration. Although the person in question doesn't really understand how her ability works, but if they are actually able to convey each other's feelings from such a distance then most likely it was a type of telepathy.

The twin triplets that were deeply connected with each other's feelings, that kind of telepathy. For Taiyou this matter was extremely interesting…..In a good kind of way, it sparked his interest in them.

「May I, ask various questions regarding this matter? 」

「Yes, of course」

As he received Kotone's consent, Taiyou wanted to ask her various questions whilst walking, thus he started in the direction of his class room and began to converse with her along the way.

「Is the connection, merely based on feelings? Or can you use words….to

converse with each other in your mind? 」

「We used to able to do such things when we were kids」

Kotone said that with an apologetic face.

「However now we can't do such things any longer, please forgive me」

「No it's not really anything you should apologize for. So now its only feelings that get transmitted? Can you clearly send the feelings across? 」

「Yes, if it's just that we can transmit it clearly. In actuality, it is closer to say that we share joint ownership of each other's feelings. We are unable to hide each other's feelings. When we get worked up or excited our feelings get transmitted with each other without permission」

「So it just leaks out? 」

「Yes, the feelings between us that is」

「That's amazing, this ability. As expected of you three twins. Ah, but if that's the case….」

Whilst walking Taiyou held his hand to his jaw, and puckered his eye brows in reflection/deliberation.

「If that's the case, what? 」

「Ahh, I'm not too sure but I believe in your case, your hearts are linked because there is no barrier. I think, because your hearts are always connected, It amplifies…… the effects of what you experience on your actual body more than you know it, just like how your minds can share emotions your body seems to also transmit its feelings. However back in the days you used to be able to have a conversation within your minds but now you lost touch with the ability, I think it may be caused by a side effect of you sisters growing apart? If that was the case, I believe it's a bit of a shame.」

「It's a shame/waste? 」

Kotone opened her eyes widely and stared at Taiyou with an astonished expression.

「Yeah, Sorry I spoke out of turn, please forget what I said just now」

Taiyou waves his hands in panic, and he had an apologetic face.

For the sisters who had the power of telepathy. He thought that this was an immensely adventurous/exciting conversational topic. But this is probably only what he thought, it could be that the person in question themselves did not find this topic to be interesting in the slightest.

For twins or triplets in general this was most likely a touchy/sensitive topic to talk about, but instead Taiyou was pestering her and asking her all these sensitive questions.

Suddenly, Kotone spoke aloud and stood still/stopped moving. She had a surprised look on her face and when Taiyou followed her gaze, at the end of the corridor a lone young woman stood in place, and was staring directly at them.

「You are?..... This morning's.....」

It was a figure he remembered seeing before, the person who was talking to Katsuki, the figure of a girl with the perfectly styled pony tail. Just like the time when he encountered her in the morning she was still glaring right at Taiyou.

「Ummm, you are?—

「Natsuno Taiyou, you, which of the three Hayakawa-san's do you like the most?」

Before he could even complete his words, Taiyou was interrupted by the girl, she then proceeded to make this shocking declaration!

Chapter 8: Thirty Students

「Miyagi-san」

「Miyagi-san? 」

Miyagi didn't respond to her name being called via words, instead all she did was turn to the person whom spoke to her which was Kotone and looked at her with absentminded eyes.

「Yes, Miyagi Aoba-san, was one of my classmates back in the day」(Kotone speaking)

「Is that so? umm……Miyagi-san?」(Taiyou speaking)

Taiyou called out towards Miyagi in an inquisitive voice. Thereupon her wrath filled gaze, was raised by one level in intensity.

What was she so angry about I wonder?, Taiyou thought that, he shouldn't have done even a single thing to offend her in the slightest, however, in the next instant he recalled the words spoken by Aoba and he formulated some sort of understanding "ahh so that's what this is about".

——-Out of the three Hayakawa-san's, which do you like the most?

Yesterday, the three sisters were talking quite intimately with him in the

classroom.

From the get go, they were asking Taiyou questions about the games he was playing, and the crowd could somehow accept the fact that they were asking advice from Taiyou considering his special knowledge in the matter, however, the fact that the three sisters were all vying for his attentions was something everyone felt was weird/unusual/ridiculous.

Simply put, the three sisters were practically swooning all over him. The fact that the three sisters merely used the game as a pretext for approaching Taiyou….. Was so blatantly apparent that even a natural airhead would be able to figure that out.

The fact that the three sisters, no longer saw Taiyou as just a regular classmate became so wide spread that the entire school heard the rumours before school even finished.

Three famous sisters, the identical triplets.

Within the school, the sisters were existences accepted as some sort of a celebrity personality. Consequently, the rumour spread like wildfire.

"The three were making some moves on a single man."

In order to extract the truth from those words, a certain person game to interrogate him.

(Even so, her hostility is so fierce I can almost feel it on my skin……Oh well, let's leave it at that)

「I'll ask you once again, you, which of the three sisters do you like the most? 」

Aoba repeated her words a second time, without hiding any of the indignation she felt towards Taiyou.

「Rather than who I like the most, it's more like.....」

「You won't say you like them all equally right? 」

「If I may be bold/daring that is what I meant to say.....」

This was his true opinions.

For now he hadn't know the girls long enough to find a distinctive component which could clearly differentiate which girl he liked the most. The three girls had the same face, and the amount of time he spent with each individual is about the same. If a favourability/likability factor was converted into numericals, Taiyou predicted that they would all be the same number.

That's why he answered in that manner, however, it would seem it did not meet up to Aoba's standards.

「You're the worst! 」

「Eh? 」

「You are that kind of guy aren't you? You are just fooling around with their feelings and trying to have an affair with them!!」

「No, I haven't done anything to them.....」

「Hayakawa-san! 」

「Eh? Yes? 」

「Are you ok with that? As you just heard, this is the kind of man he is」

Hearing Aoba's question, Kotone looks unblinkingly at Taiyou.

「Are we really, all liked equally? 」

「Yeah, that's how it is」

「Thank you, this is why we like you」

「ehhhhhh? 」

Aoba raised her voice in a bewildered shriek.

「Are you insane? That guy, he's clearly just playing around with the three of you? 」

「No, in my case, I'm not just playing around」

「What did you just say? 」

Aoba gave Taiyou a stern look. However, Taiyou was indifferent towards Aoba's reaction, and he looked towards Kotone and began to talk to her.

「From the previous talk we just had, I'd like to clarify, due to your circumstances, is there even such a thing like "differential treatment"? 」

「What do you mean? 」

「What I mean is, do you guys think of yourselves as one entity? Or three separated individualistic entities? 」

「Ummmm.....」

Kotone tilted her neck and was trying to think.

Apparently, this question was never considered by her before, and this is the main reason that it would be impossible to give and answer and choose a single one of them especially at this early point in time.

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Whilst in the middle of class, Taiyou was turning over his 1 yen coin

above his opened text book. When he was using his smart phone to level his characters in the game, it was not possible to play his games during class and it made him slightly unsatisfied.

But now he didn't need to worry, and he was happy with the fact that he could continue accumulate experience points. This is because all he was really doing was just flipping the coin from heads to tails over and over, it wasn't anything overly fancy and even the teachers can't really make out a complaint.

Even other students would do similar type of actions, it was like the steady action of spinning pens in class.

Whilst doing this action, Taiyou was looking around inside his classroom.

Kotone, Suzune and Kazane.

The three of them were lacking in uniformity and each of them were absentmindedly staring into space It was the kind of situation where, they had their textbook's out and notes open, but even so the sharp pen's in their hands stopped moving and they weren't listening to the lecture. It was clear that they were thinking deeply about something.

(Were they thinking about what I said to Kotone earlier?)

Taiyou was feeling a slight sense of responsibility as the one who asked the question.

He didn’t know whether the statement he made towards the girls, was good or bad, but that was for the girls to decide, and Taiyou didn’t have any power in the matter. However, without a doubt it was his brief comment that made the girls become troubled.

Making them feel troubled/worried, he felt a sense of responsibility towards them.

When he was just in the process of thinking, “what should I do about this?”…….. Hera appeared out of thin air. It was as if she instantly teleported in front of him, in front of a spatial area that had nothing, she suddenly blinked into existence. (Goku style teleportation)

She was floating delicately, but she just fluttered there silently whilst looking at Taiyou.

Level Up!

Those words surfaced into his mind.

「Teacher! I have a sore stomach please let me go to the toilet」

After having said that, without even caring about his classmates attention. Taiyou dashed out of the classroom. Hera was keeping true to her promise, and only after they entered an unpopulated corridor did she begin to open her mouth.

「Te re re te te te—♪ Taiyou-chan levelled up! ~」

「So it finally happened! I'm level 4 aren't I」

「Yeah—. You became stronger again Taiyou-chan~」

「Wait a moment, let's move to a more secure place so that we can confirm」

He ran through the corridor, went to the stairs located in the interior part of the building and began to climb rapidly into the rooftop, this was a place where nobody seemed to visit.

Under the clear blue skies, he turned towards Hera who was following right behind him.

「Alright, show me my status」

「Roger that~, nanodesu」

In response Hera began her whirling dance in mid-air. Taiyou lay his back straight on the rooftop ground and closed his eyes, as the torrent of numerical values went straight into his brain.

He immediately concentrated on the numerical value he was most anxious about and tried to make it appear.

「Popularity is 0, Charm is 65535 so I see it hasn't changed」

「Yes～」

「Well, then that's good I suppose」

Taiyou said this in a disappointed manner.

Well for him this was naturally the case, the figures started with 1 and 0, but when it reduced from 0 , the Charm value was instead overflowed and increased to an unimaginable league. He was anticipating/expecting that when he levelled, his values could decrease further or even that the bug may go the other way and his values would reset back to 0.

「I would like to confirm, these two values, none of them has changed right? 」

「Yeah～, both these values were unaffected～」

「I understand」

He nodded at Hera's response and he put these matters at the back of his mind for now, he then proceeded to check the other numeric values.

Although he levelled up the other values barely moved at all, it was to a pathetic degree that each value only increased by a maximum of 1.

Although there was one particular status value that showed high prominence.

The strength/power value, was raised from a value of 6 to a value of 30!

「So that's how it is」

After he finished checking his values, Taiyou slowly opens his eye lids.

「As I predicted, I'm some sort of power specialised character, the way in which my stats increase seems to confirm this. Yeah」

Taiyou inclines his head.

「Is there something bad about it? 」

「It's not really something bad per say, but it's more like, how do I explain it…. In an offline game a character who specialises in strength will be effective immediately and be battle ready as a valuable war potential. however in comparison to that, Whilst strength is important in an online game, rather than having an all rounded character it is much more stronger to focus your abilities in one category」

「Is that so? ～」

「When the environment changes….. The hypothesis is that the type of specialisation that is advantageous will also change. And I was pondering which of the stats are good to focus on in real life.」

「I believe in Taiyou-chan, so no matter what stat you focus on I think

you will become strong～. You will immediately become battle-ready, and continue to become stronger until the end～」

「If that was true, it would be nice」

Hera was trying to encourage/cheer on Taiyou with such innocence that Taiyou could only put on a wry smile, if it was really true, it would be great he thought.

「Well, even though my strength has increased, I don't actually feel any difference in my body. To begin with, a value of 30 how much stronger is that in human terms? 」

「I'm sorry, I am not knowledgeable in that matter～」

Hera looked pitiful when she realised she couldn't help. Seeing this Taiyou tried to cheer her up.

「That's alright, Even though there aren't any apparent results yet, being able to increase my level like this is really fun, so don't worry too much」

「Yes～.....」

「More importantly what is the next task I need to accomplish in order to level? 」

「Yes! Umm it is～.....」

Hera was folding her arms and thinking. Taiyou thought she was feeling down, but in the next second, she was already recovered. Seeing her like this, it reminded Taiyou of playing with a cute small animal, it gave him a pleasant feeling.

Whilst having a small smile that slightly raised the corners of his mouth, he stood up and went to turn the door lever, however——

BAKI! (Sound effect)

A loud sound was heard, and Taiyou fell backwards.

He did not comprehend what just occurred, Taiyou fell onto his bottom and it took a while for him to digest what really transpired, but, it turns out that inside his hands was, precisely, the door lever that broke off!

Chapter 9: Let’s Go With Muscle

At the Park in the Evening: Taiyou was sitting on a wooden bench. Hera’s face suddenly popped out, from inside the vinyl convenience store bag that was beside him. (Note: wild Pikachu detected!)

「Pass me the next apple」

Gushiyaa! (Sound effect of apple being crushed)

「Steel canned coffee」 (It is steel this is not a typo, he’s just that strong :P)

Meri, Baki Baki! (*rip rip*, *snap, crush*)

「Champion Magazine」

BiriBiriBiri! (*rip, rip, rip*)

Hera passes to him the items inside his convenience store bag one by one, at times he would crush the contents and at other times he would rip it into pieces.

Fruits are squished, metallic cans are crushed, and although it was a minor amount of experience points, he even started ripping out the bestselling manga magazines without a shred of mercy.

He looked upon the mountainous of remains from his excessive destruction and Taiyou became very astonished.

「What a terrifying amount of power....」

「Yes～, as expected of my Taiyou-chan～」

「Don't tell me, is this……」

「Yes, of course～, it's because Taiyou-chan's strength/power has increased～」

「As I thought.....So this is what 30 strength feels like」

Taiyou opened both his hands, and whilst gazing at his palms, he opened and closed them. The appearance of his hands did not change in the slightest but, hidden inside was a crazy amount of power that was exceeding anything a mere high school student could exert.

「I really didn't believe that by leveling I could grow stronger in real life」

「Muka!」(note: Pout)

Hera jumped out of the plastic bag and was huffy/angry.

「Taiyou-chan, you didn't believe in my words?」

「Well, I was half convinced & half dubious. I mean…..All that I have been doing up till now was stacking up some Jenga blocks and making them fall, digging up holes and burying them, and turning over my 1 yen coin from heads to tails……..Those kinds of ridiculous things you know? Normally people wouldn't think that they would get an increase in abilities just from doing those mediocre tasks right? 」

「Even so, Taiyou-chan is a meanie～. You need to believe in me more～, that way I can help you more often, kay～」

「Where did a goddess like you come from…….Even if I don't want to, It has gone to the point where I can't not believe in you」(basically he's saying he believes in her… the double negatives strikes again)

Taiyou stood up from the bench, and he approached a tree that was planted within the park. It was a tree big enough for a fully grown man to wrap his arms around it.

Taiyou was thinking of applying a small amount of power to the trunk of the tree with his hand. When he did this, the tips of his fingers sunk into the tree and made an indentation/holes that was distinctly apparent on the tree.

He wanted to try out something he once saw in a manga. He looked at the hand print he saw on the tree, and suddenly Taiyou became very excited/thrilled.

He loved raising levels in games, that's why when Hera appeared in front of him he was able to obtain the feeling of being able to play games in real life. However, if levelling up in real life literally/actually increase his

real life abilities then it was a whole new ballpark that he had to consider.

Level 4, Strength was at 30. And with this amount of strength, I was able to activate the amount of power I displayed just moments ago.

Just thinking about this fact made him exhilarated and he wanted to get up and do something.

If it was like this, he wanted to without delay and as fast as possible increase his level…….. With these kind of thoughts, he turned his face towards Hera and wanted to ask her of the methods required in order to increase to the next level, however at that moment.

「Taiyou-san」

There was someone calling out his name. When he changed his point of view to the direction the voice came from, only one of the three twin sisters stood there, she was the shortest of the bunch (Kazane) and she was standing in the entrance of the park.

Maybe it was because of the moonlight or perhaps it was some other kind of thing. But, her cheeks were blushing as she approached Taiyou whilst looking into his eyes.

「Oh it's you? 」

「Won't you call me by my name? 」

「.....Kazane」

When her name was called out just like she wished it to be, her face reddened even further.

「Why have you come here? 」

「That was exactly my question to you. Before homeroom class even finished you dashed out of the class room, were you ok? I was so worried and I tried searching everywhere for you」

「Yeah, I had some small matters to attend to you see」

「By small matters.....you mean that? 」

Kazane moved her face as if she was trying to peek and see what was behind Taiyou, She was looking at the wooden bench which he was sitting on just moments ago. Below the bench the things Taiyou crushed and ripped were littered all over the floor and rolling down like a bunch of wreckage. It was the kind of thing that if you didn't know the internal state of affairs, any normal person would be greatly bewildered and or perplexed when seeing such a spectacle.

Of course, Kazane was not an exception.

「Were you releasing your frustrations and trying to reduce stress? 」

「Hm? ahh I guess it's something like that」

Taiyou nods his head in assent. Kazane couldn't see Hera and she also didn't know Taiyou was capable of levelling up, furthermore he thought that it was better for her to remain oblivious to such facts.

「Is that really so?.....Hey, Taiyou-san」

「Eh? 」

「If you have some pent up frustrations to release..... I'm, okay with it」

「.....What are you okay/fine with? 」

「I will be able to.....endure it」

「no, no, no, no, you don't have to do anything, it's not that kind of pent up frustrations/desires」

「If it's not about that, then, thenn.....」

「Hmm? 」

「A Mans——」

「No it's not that kind of thing either, I'm telling you! I'm just a normal guy that is only interested girls」

A vehement and disastrous misunderstanding was about to occur, so he reflexively used a large voice and desperately tried to explain/justify his point of view.

「Is that so? I'm relieved....」

「As long as you understand than it's good, I'm so relieved that you didn't misunderstand my intentions... you know? 」

Surely he wasn't going to really be thought as a homo right? Taiyou thinking about this matter had an astonished look.

「But I'm really glad..... If you really said that you liked other men.....I, wouldn't know what I should do」

「Kazane.....」

Kazane was truly feeling down, and when he saw that part of her, Taiyou's heart skipped a beat.

Although she looked like a little red riding hood from primary school, but the maturity of her personality/mind was that of a respectable 1st year high school classmate. To sum it up she was a person who held favour towards Taiyou, and was one of the girls that professed her love towards him.

Looking at her graceful figure he was irresistibly drawn to it and, Taiyou spread his arms and embraced it around her petite body.

「Hau……」

Kazane who was tightly wrapped around Taiyou, let out loose leaks of hot/passionate breaths from her mouth, into Taiyou's chest and it tickled his heart.

「Taiyou-san……I like you. I really like you」

「Oh-Uwa! 」

As he was about to say "Me too" Taiyou suddenly let out a surprised yell which totally ruined the mood.

「Eh? 」

Kazane looked up from within his arms and raised a dubious/confused voice. Taiyou tried to smooth it over and quickly told her that nothing was wrong in a panic.

The reason he suddenly raised his voice was not because of Kazane, but because Hera suddenly appeared before him.

She was keeping her promise of staying silent so Hera just floated in the air right in front of Taiyou, whilst looking at the two of them, Hera's eyes were sparkling with stars, like a fan that was passionately watching a concert that was the kind of gaze she had.

It was the kind of look filled with expectation and an inquisitive mind.

——What is she doing? Hey, right now what is she doing?!

Feeling her intense gaze, Taiyou gave off the feeling of someone who stretched out their ears and misheard something.

What she was doing……Even Taiyou could not discern such matters.

Just a couple of days ago he was feeling frustrated and regretful that he could not experience this side of life. However he did not expect in the slightest that he would actually be able to experience such a thing, and worse yet, he didn't have a single idea or know what to do from here now that he actually reached such a stage.

And just when he was getting hesitant at what to do next, Hera went into the skies and flew next to the bench where the vinyl bag was and picked it up, then she pointed at Kazane's clothes and began to replicate her behaviour on the bag as she ripped/teared it up.

「That's clearly rape! 」

He reflexively made a retort to the actions Hera was trying to endorse him to do and he gave Hera a slap. With a strength of 30, Hera who was hit by Taiyou was like a baseball and flew into far into the skies as if he hit a home run.

「Taiyou-san? 」

「Eh? ahh don't worry its nothing」

Taiyou was trying to reassure/fool Kazane into thinking that nothing was happening. After a while of just being in the moment and staying silent, Kazane falteringly started to open her mouth to speak.

「The thing is….I, the truth is」

「Hmm? 」

「I like to be treated in a rough manner」

「I didn't just hear that did I?!」

「And also, Kotone and Suzune are also the same as me……because we are, identical triplets」

「Even if that may be so, I will pretend I didn't hear this?!」

「That's why, its fine…….」

「That isn't fine, I don't have that kind of hobbies」

「You don't? 」

「I don't, I like to firmly hold and be gentle with the girls I like」

「Be gentle? 」

「Yeah! 」

「Firmly hold? 」

「That's right! 」

「……. Just like what we are doing right now? 」

「uuuu……..」

When asked such a question, Taiyou began to feel shy/bashful and he couldn't answer her.

"I like you, I really like you". Receiving such a pure and straight feelings of favourability from the three sisters, Taiyou at one stage or other also began to like the three sisters.

Although he did indeed like them, getting the words "I like you" out of his mouth was really embarrassing/awkward that he could not get it out of his mouth. Therefore, instead of talking, he embraced her small body firmly and closely. As of this point in time, that was the utmost Taiyou could do.

Holding each other and looking into each other's eyes. The air around them became ticklish/lovey dovey. Before long their faces seem to congregate and get closer with each other—-.

「Kotone-chan? Suzune-chan!?」

Suddenly, the sweet atmosphere popped like a balloon.

Somehow or other, after calling out the names of her two sisters, Kazane's face became pale as a ghost.

Chapter 10: Twelve Islands

The sweet atmosphere which existed between the two several seconds ago, was blown away without a single trace or vestige.

「Kazane? 」

A puzzled Taiyou.

The petite girl known as Kazane whom was still being wrapped around his arms had a surprised look on her face, and he could see, it was like she was frightened by something.

「What's wrong, did something happen? 」

「Koto-chan and Suzu-chan are feeling scared」

「They are scared? How come—-」

Kazane interrupted what Taiyou's was about to speak with a look that said, "You understand don't you?"

The memory of the event in in which he asked Kotone various questions, resurfaced within his mind. Amongst the three girls, the thing known as telepathy exists between them, and even if they were apart they were able to clearly sense and convey each other's emotions/feelings.

When he was asking them about their psychic connection, he didn't really fully believe in it, but now that he was seeing in action, he completely believes in their telepathy.

This is because, the blue pale face Kazane had on her face, told the whole story. If she was acting this out, she would receive an Academy Award.

「Where are they? 」

「Eh? 」

「Where are they located? Are you able to discern such info? 」

「Ye, yeah.....Only the direction they are in though」

Although she was a little puzzled by Taiyou's question, she began to look at the general direction her sisters were in. without asking another question and looking slightly worried/concerned, she was trying to show him the direction her two elder sisters were located in.

「Alright, let's go」

「Ye, Yeah! 」

The two people headed off. They went out of the park, and they stuck to the residential area whilst running.

Kazane appeared to be running at her full speed however, it would seem that she was about to be left in the dust by Taiyou's speed at any moment now.

Although there was obviously some differences between a man and woman's constitution, in this case there was just too big of a gap between them. She was only 130 centimetres, standing at the height of a primary school kid and the distance every step she took could not be compared to Taiyou's long strides.

Taiyou halts his running, and for the time being he let her catch up to him—-.

「Taiyou—-Hyaa! 」

When she reached close to him, he suddenly grabbed her hands and picked her off her bottom and held on to her in his arms.

It was the so-called (AKA) princess-carry, he was embracing her in this posture as he continued to sprint.

「Ta ta ta Taiyou-san? 」

「If we do it this way it will be much faster, Please bear with it」

「O, Ok」

「Which way! 」

「Ta, Take the right…….Then a left」

「I understand! 」

With Kazane's navigation I was able to dash and weave through the dark residential area.

Whilst he was doing this he started to think that the situation was getting worse and worse by the minute. If you ask why, it is because Kazane whom is in his arms, her face became more and more pale and her body started to tremble/shiver repeatedly.

The triplet sisters convey their pure feelings mutually between each other with telepathy. When he saw Kazane shivering in fear to this extent, he thought that the two sisters must be in deep trouble.

Influenced by her condition, Taiyou was feeling really anxious.

「Do you know what's happening to them? 」

「I don't know, back when we were kids, we could have done it though」

「In that case, is there something that comes to mind? Anything that may help? 」

「That is… Perhaps it's……」

Even now Kazane had a face which seemed to be able to cry at any moment.

「I think it's…….my father」

That's what she just said.

「Your father? 」

Taiyou had troubled eyebrows. (Note: he puckers his eye brows) Why would they be so afraid of their own father? Is what he was thinking right now.

Don't tell me it's DV? For one second this thought came into his mind. (Note: DV is = domestic violence)

「Over there, a right」

「There they are! 」

As she said it, when we took a right turn, we could see the figures of the two girls.

Kotone and Suzune, Both of these girls, similar to how Kazane was, were so pale that he could see it from a long distance away.

And then he also found the main reason as to why Kazane and the girls were feeling so scared.

What he saw was, a middle aged man and a woman wearing a suit saying something to the two sisters, whilst slowly cornering them into the wall.

「Kotone! Suzune! 」

「「Taiyou-san!!」」

Their voice was harmonious. (They spoke at same time) The moment they saw Taiyou, it was like the two of them saw their saviour, and their facial expressions were filled with relief.

Just like that Taiyou quickly rushed over to them, and he moved in between the man and woman trying to bother the two sisters.

「Sorry I'm late, are you girls alright? 」

He was trying to defend the two sisters, almost as if he was trying to use his wide back to cover them up from the other party.

「Yeah, we are fine」

「In that case, that's good」

For the time being, he made it in time and he felt relieved. Thereupon, he switched his focus back on the man and woman.

Looking at the man, he seemed to be around his mid-forties. He had a relaxed face, an unshaven beard and crumpled up clothing, it was the kind of getup that implied he was not a prim and proper adult.

On the other hand the woman seemed to give the complete opposite atmosphere/ambience/aura. She was wrapped around by a tight skirt suit, breasts that were about to explode/spill out of her top. Contrasted with a slim figure that was thin as a sharp blade and has been properly honed and exercised, that was the kind of atmosphere she gave.

The middle aged man seemed harmless to him, but Taiyou wanted to keep vigilant and not let his guard down around the woman.

To him that was being vigilant, Kotone called out from the back.

「Excuse me, Taiyou-san」

「What is it? 」

「It may not be appropriate at this time, but i have a favour to ask of you……」

She was hesitantly speaking. What could it be? Taiyou puckered up his eyebrows.

When he did, instead of Kotone speaking, it was Suzune which suddenly blurted it out.

「Please hold us in a princess style carry as well! 」

「Do you guys know something called TPO!?」(Note: TPO is a Japanese acronym which stands for Time, Place and Occasion. It is sometimes used to draw attention to an experience that was inappropriate or worthy of note.)

Without thinking Taiyou's voice broke into a falsetto as he blurted out his response.

「Now is not the time for those kinds of things, more importantly just moments ago you guys were shaking in fear, what was happening?」

「That's because, it's not fair that only Kaza-chan was able to get all the attention〜」

「That's right, we also want to be held in a princess carry」

「Koto-chan, Suzu-chan……It feels really good」

Kazane said this whilst her face began to slightly blush.

「What do you guys mean? 」

「uuuu, We– A-r-e Jealous–」(note: We are jealous is what they are saying)

「It's time to put Kaza-chan down, and take turns with us」

「No, I don't want to switch places〜 it's my long awaited chance to get held by Taiyou-san. If you guys are jealous, isn't it fine if both Koto-chan and Suzu-chan just got carried as well? 」(note: Kazane is using the words もらったんだもん, as she ends her sentence, which is almost like a pouting action)

「That's also true」

「Yeah, Lets go with that」

「No wait, guys isn't that physically impossible to do?!」

The two sisters surrounded Taiyou, and as if they thought it was a good idea, the two girls Kotone and Suzune extended their hands and held unto Taiyou's neck and stuck to him in that posture.

Whilst holding Kazane with both his hands, although it was barely, he was able to support the three sisters holding on to him. Although he was surprised by that fact, he soon realised that it was all thanks to him possessing 30 strength.

The ridiculous scene of the three girls hanging from his body, if the

situation allowed for it, he would of let out one or two sighs.

「You're quite amazing aren't you, I didn't know such a man existed whom was able to simultaneously embrace three girls in the hold of his arms at the same time, what an outstanding male specimen you are」

The woman who was just silently watching until now, had opened her mouth to address Taiyou, she used a tone of voice that seemed to hold both admiration and scorn at the same time and he could not tell if she was just being sarcastic or not as her expression was unreadable.

「Do you really see this as me holding all three girls at once? No matter what angle you see this from, isn't it more like they are just hanging/dangling from me? 」

「You are supporting all three of their weights, that fact is undisputable」

「Rather than supporting their weight……it's more like I've become a Konaki Jijii」(Note: Konaki Jijii is a ghost in Japanese folklore it has the shape of a small old man with the voice of a baby's cry/shriek)

After releasing a sigh, as if trying to banter/argue with the woman he challenged the woman's reasoning.

「More importantly, who are you guys? 」

「You took the words right of my mouth 」

The middle aged man interrupted the woman and began to talk. Although they were standing three metres apart, he could smell the foul breath coming from the man and it was extremely unpleasant.

「You brat, what is your relationship with my daughters, hmmm??」

「Daughter? Don't tell me, you are their father? 」

「Thaz right, so, who are you, you brat? 」

「.....I'm the classmate Natsuno Taiyou」

In the mean time I gave my greetings to the father of the Hayakawa sisters..... and turned my gaze at the woman.

Who are you? That was the kind of gaze Taiyou gave to the woman.

「I am known as Juunishima Sakura, I am Pleased to make your acquaintance」 (she says this with very formal language)

「Juunishima?] (Twelve Islands?)

(note: today's title has island repeated twelve times, I'm guessing the author is referring to her, But I didn't want to spam you guys with me typing island 12 times so I will leave it like that)

(Illustration: Sakura Measuring Taiyou’s Worth)

Taiyou has never heard such a unique name as Junishima and thus he was a little bewildered.

「It's a local name, It's a family name that only people who lived in my native island would have」

「In other words, the dwelling of the island people, it has that kind of meaning? 」(Note: Juu = じゅう= 住 = dwelling, in this context, it is not the number that's being referred to.)

「Yes, although in my case, I believe the Kanji I used for my surname does not represent the Kanji for this character」(she's basically saying she's not using the kanji for the number 12 十二 and instead she's using 双六島)

Well what do you think of my name? That's the kind of face Sakura had.

「Well after all if it is used in that manner of speaking, you can't really just attach numbers to your name」

「Yes, but it would seem that I don't have the general common sense that Japanese people have. I must admit it's because I was raised/brought up in such a unique culture」

「And, you were not taught common sense? 」

「Only the necessary ones」

「What you mean by Twelve Islands, could it be arranged like『島島島島島島島島島島じゅうにしま』is that how you wish to be called? 」

「That's a brilliant/wonderful way to pronounce it, let's assume that I changed it to that and I would like to be referred to as such from now on」

「……Well, Whatever you wish」

She completely lacks any logic, that's what Taiyou thought.

「Oi, by the way」

Hayakawa's father cut in the conversation and had an expression of displeasure on his face.

When I turned my line of vision to him, I felt as if I was staring at some sort of hoodlum/yakuza, and he was glaring at me with a scowl on his face.

「What is it? 」

「You brat, How long are you goin ta keep standing there and keep my daughters dangling like that?」

「.....Ah」

When it was pointed out, Taiyou finally recalled that he was talking to the two people, whilst he had the three sisters dangling on his body.

Memo written about the progress at the Tenth Chapter

【Level】4

【Main Abilities】

Strength: 30

Charm: 65535

Popularity: 0

【His Valuable Possessions】

A broken smart phone

One room apartment

An annoying fairy

【Brides】

Currently: None

【Acquaintances】

Hayakawa: Kotone, Suzune and Kazane

Juunishima Sakura

Chapter 11: Eternally Little

Taiyou released a sigh, and the previous tension he had seemed to melt away.

「Guys, for the time being won't you get off me?」

「Ehhh」

「Just a little bit more」

「It's not something that happens often」

Kazane was the only one that was unique, as she was the only one actually being held by him in a princess carry style.

Although their actions were cute, Taiyou couldn't really see what was so special about hanging on his body, and he gradually let out an increasing number of sighs.

「Guys, it will be fine……..It's just for the time being, alright?」

When Taiyou spoke more resolutely, the girls became obedient and they slowly seperated from him. They moved behind the scenes and was hiding behind Taiyou in silence.

That's because they realised that since they got together, they have been playing around too much. However, even though they were playing around when Taiyou arrived, it was also true that they were slightly shaking.

The season was still early in the summer, and it was definitely not because of the cold that their bodies were shaking, anyone could tell you that.

When Taiyou came rushing over to the girls, he could tell that from their facial expressions that they were really frightened from the depths of their heart and it was not just about playing a prank on him. Because of this fact, Since Taiyou arrived he has been unable to feel relieved.

Taiyou remembered how frustrated he felt he was before he arrived.

And he hated the fact that he could not come here sooner to help the girls.

And with that, he shifted his anger.

He turned towards the two people that made the three sisters shake in fear.

「What's with that look on your face, you brat who are you really?」

The father of the girls had an unpleasant facial expression and challenged/questioned Taiyou.

「I’m the classmate Natsuno Taiyou. I believe I introduced myself just moments ago?」

「That’s not what I’m asking you, what is your relationship with my daughters, that’s what I’m asking you」

「What kind of relation……..」

For now he stopped his words mid way, and made a glance over his shoulder looking back at the three sisters.

When his eyes met with the three sisters, their cheeks blushed red. A picture that was worth more than a thousand words was painted, just from the reactions the girl, and without the need for anymore words, their relationship with him became obvious.

When seeing such a reaction from his girl’s, the father instantly boiled in anger.

「You scum!」

「Hayakawa-san, Please settle down for a moment」

「Huhhh? You’re telling me to calm down after seeing this?!」

「Yes, please behave yourself」

Sakura repeated such words in a flat tone of voice.

Feeling the pressure coming out from Sakura, Taiyou's back was slightly trembling, Even more so to the person whom received the direct scolding, the father let out a meek voice "uuu" and he backed off silently.

After seeing this, Sakura smiled and turned towards Taiyou.

「Please let me ask you a single question. Natsuno-san by coming here are you planning on become a hindrance to us?」

「That will, depend on what your objectives are?」

Taiyou responded and probed her for an explanation.

Whilst watching Taiyou in silence, without a single change in her expression she began to talk again.

「You want to know our objectives? As a premise to the explanation, is Natsuno-san aware of the group of people named "Eternally Little"?

「Eternal Light? are you talking about some sort of fantasy game?」

「No, they are people which exist in the real world」

Although she said they existed in the real world, Taiyou could only tilt

his neck as he could not remember ever having heard of such a group before.

Suddenly, he could feel that the people behind him were nervous. It was the reaction from the three sisters. It seemed that the girls knew of such a group existing and reacted to the words “Eternally Little”.

Sakura also realised the girl’s reaction but she only let out an indifferent smile as she proceeded on with her talk.

「In regards to the limits of the female gender, there are females in this world that grow normally up to the age of ten, but then, after they go past the age of ten, their bodies wont grow past adulthood and they will remain eternally young without being able to age, I am talking about these group of people」

「Their growth, and even their ageing stops.....?」

「Yes, Both of those things stop. That process will continue until they die. And when this kind of things happen, you understand the consequences right?」

「..... Will they become a Loli-Baba? 」

Taiyou used the vocabulary he understood to process the information.

「Yes, That is another way of saying it. The more generalised name they are known by is “beautiful witches”. However that name is only for the general public who think that these girls just dress in order to look young

without knowing the real reason behind it…..As I have just explained to you, the girls whom stop growing after the age of ten and stay eternally young……These girls are what is known as the “Eternally Little”.

「So such people actually exist?」

「Yes. another unconventional name they are known by is the “Old Maidens” however because it is rarely mentioned, it is possible to just forget about this term」

「So what’s the deal with these so called “Eternally Little” people anyways?」

「These girls at one stage used to lived in an uninhabited area……This is because they would be persecuted as witches, their outward appearance was perpetually at the age of ten, and it wasn’t strange that they were forced to live in secluded areas」

「…….Well, if it was an age where the superstition was regarded highly, that would be the case I suppose 」

「Yes, That is exactly right. In this modern age, medical science has proceeded enough to able to clarify the cause of the girls being unable to age, and they hypothesized that it was due to a genetic mutation」

「In other words, its a disease?」

「Its a disease that makes you unable to age」

She stopped talking momentarily and grinned so that only one side of her mouth was raised.

「And, this is the important part. Being unable to age……In other words, being able to be perpetually young and beautiful has become an extremely desirable thing for women all around the globe」

「Well that is probably true」

「In the olden days people would fear the strange appearance of the girls, however now that the cause of it has been identified with modern science, people are instead trying to unlock the answer to achieving perpetual youth, a research team has been created just for this purpose. Furthermore――」

Sakura shifted her gaze to the girls who were standing behind Taiyou.

「The girls behind you, are perhaps the key to making a huge breakthrough in this branch of research」

「What do you mean?」

「You don't understand? Even though they are identical triplets that came from the same chromosome……And although they possess the same genes――」

「――For some unknown reason, their height is considerably different

from each other」

Taiyou finishes Sakura's sentence. He finally understood, what Sakura was trying to convey to him.

Sakura looks at Taiyou like he was a student whom was able to answer correctly when asked a question.

「That's how it is」

「In other words, you want to use their bodies as a science experiment」

「What a bad way to put it, It's more like we are trying to help achieve the dreams of the general public and are collaborating for that purpose」

「No matter how you try to gloss things over, the meaning stays the same」

「That's such a negative attitude」

「Of course」

「Taiyou-san.....」

He could hear one of the girls speaking from behind. He didn't know who it was that spoke, but the feelings they tried to convey got through to him.

「Did you think that I would let things stand…….If your intentions were to play around with the girl's bodies and use them for your own gains?」

「Don't you understand the situation? These girl's have the unlimited potential of the human race within them. although it may not be as much as eternal life…… however it is still incredibly useful for those women who wish to keep their youthful looks」

「That's a shame but, Since I am a guy I don't have those kinds of thoughts, and neither am I interested in such things」

「Then let me rephrase it. Allowed me to clarify the mechanics of how this can be applied, for a women, they will be able to retain their youth and beauty for a very long time. And for the men, being able to see their lovers perpetually young is an advantage in itself and cannot really be disregarded as irrelevant」

(Illustration: Eternally Young Girls)

「I understand, It is an amazing thing」

「Isn't it?」

the girls behind him all held their breath.

「However, no matter how good it sounds, the methods used to obtain such a result still requires you to experiment on them, is this correct?」

「……Yes, that is true」

"And so what if we have to experiment on them" that's the kind of facial expression Sakura had.

「For me, more so than the conversation we just had, I have a problem that is right in front of my eyes right now」

「And, what problem could it be?」

「Trying to kidnap women and take them away against their will, and as a man watching this, this has become my problem」

「This has become pointless hasn't it」

「Well, that's how this is」

「Although you display a very gentlemanly, dignified and beautiful scene, In most cases, these kind of people may not come out obtaining benefits. On the contrary, most of these types of men actually become harmed/injured instead」

「In that time, as a man, I will be able to endure the hardships」

「Did you learn such principle's from your parents?」

「If I had to say it was from something, It was from the game I used to play」

Sakura's face stiffened when she heard the jesting statement Taiyou made.

Although it was the cold hard truth, for the other party, they felt as if he was just joking around.

「Is that so?」

Sakura had a slight smile on her face, however it was a different kind of smile from the one displayed previously.

It was an expression which signified, a failure in the negotiations.

「You fools, what have you been talking about since a while ago?」

Suddenly, the father of the girls butted in the conversation.

「I am the father of those girls. And all I am doing is taking my daughters back home」

「You……..Did you sell your daughters?」

「Huhhhh?」

The father glared at him. Taiyou recognised how despicable the father was, and he gave him a look of pure digust.

「You brat! What's with those disrespectful eyes!」

Whilst shouting, the father threw a fist right at Taiyou.

Taiyou who had crossed over the boundaries of just being merely angry had instead become calm, he catches the fist thrown at him by the father, he put a bit of strength in his grip and squeezed.

「It, it hurts!!!」

The father gave a shriek/scream.

That fist, was about to follow the same fate as the apple in which he bought from the super market.

Chapter 12: Dodging the Question

「Let me go! 」

The father had greasy sweat dribbling down his forehead as he tried to shake his hands from Taiyou's grip.

Taiyou had a chilling glare directed towards the father. He wanted to crush the fathers hand just like he did with the apple, but the father managed to slip away before he got a chance.

「You insolent brat……..What is your intentions ? 」

The father's voice was trembling, his fist turned so white it looked painful and even his whole body was shaking.

On the other hand, Taiyou was extremely calm and composed.

「In retrospect, I should have crushed your fist the instant you attacked me」

「Wha…..」

The father became speechless. Seeing this scene, Sakura gracefully begins to talk.

「I see, you aren't all about "talking big"」(She's saying he can actually walk the talk)

「Sorry, I'm just a high school student so I don't understand that particular expression you just used」("talking big" is the unconventional expression she used)

「Did you know? I, favour a man like you, instead of boiling up in anger when he's under pressure, he can instantly cool down his mind, I think that this kind of disposition is really desirable」

「Instead of "dodging the question", and answering with another question why don't we start communicating more effectively?」

「I believe my conversational skills are logical enough. Well enough about that. More importantly, I will take your actions to mean that you are the ally of the girl's, will this be the correct assumption?」

「What is certain, is that I am not an ally of justice」

「Even more than me, aren't you the one having fun, by trying to "dodge" the conversation/question?」

Sakura covers her mouth, as she lets out a slight laughter.

「However, I understand. It seems there is no other way, even though I wanted to resolve this in a peaceful manner」

After saying that, she raised her hands into the air and clicked her fingers together.

「—-Tsu!」(surprised)

In that moment, the blood in Taiyou's whole body froze as if he was in some sort of hallucination. A shiver ran up his spine and without thinking he took a step back in retreat.

He soon realised why he was shivering. In compliance with Sakura's summoning, groups of men wearing black clothing started to appear in succession as if out of thin air.

That is, twenty men dressed in black appeared from the yonder and surrounded Taiyou from three different directions.

Seeing such a Taiyou, Sakura turned towards the father and gave a look of confirmation.

「It's about to get a little rough, this should not be a problem for you right? 」

「The things that was promised to me, they will be delivered on time right? 」

「It most certainly will, that's because your honourable-daughters have the hopes and dreams of all the women in the world on the line. Taking that into consideration, a price that corresponds with its high value will surely be rewarded to you」

「Hehehehehehe」

After hearing Sakura's words, the father of the girls had a satisfied smile and laughed in a vulgar manner.

The conversation between the two was about such a vulgar/disgusting topic that Taiyou suspected Sakura's ulterior motives for letting him hear it.

「I can't believe that there really is a father that would sell their own daughter.....」

「Huhhh, you brat——」

Hayakawa's father whom was about to curse at Taiyou, was stopped by Sakura when she signalled him to stop with her hand.

「The act of selling's one daughter you can just think of it as a disreputable part time job that one takes in desperate times」

「.....」

Taiyou was silent, for the first time in his life, a horrible feeling that he could not imagine began to rise in his heart.

His anger was like magma, he felt it bubbling and boiling from within the depths of his heart———However, the violent emotion was not

reflected in his face at all, that was the kind of young man Natsuno Taiyou was.

On the contrary, his mind began to cool down rapidly. In an instant his heart went cold and calculative, it was as if his fury took him below the freezing point and he reached the pinnacle of absolute zero.

He looked around the vicinity.

Behind him was a concrete wall, and in front was the blacked clothed men surrounding him from three directions. It was a situation where he and the three sisters were completely enclosed with no way to escape.

In order to break out of this situation——he began to think for a little, and without turning his head around he started to talk to the three sisters.

「I will open a path, When the opportunity arises, please use that chance to escape」

「What about you Taiyou-san? 」

He heard them speaking, but he could not really pin point which of the three sisters was speaking. Because there was no room for him to make a mistake by turning his head around.

「Don’t worry about me, I will make it out somehow」

「But—-」

「Please just go」

Taiyou calmly rebutted whatever they were going to say without giving them a chance to continue.

「The most I can do for you guys is to create a path of retreat. With this many enemies surrounding us, it will be too difficult to protect you guys at the same time. You understand don't you? 」

「I understand. Suzu-chan and Kaza-chan you guys are fine with this as well right? 」

「Yeah! 」

「We'll run to the best of our abilities」

「Alright, that's good then……」

Taiyou nods his head and refocusses his full attention on the black clothed men.

During the time period in which Taiyou was communicating with the girls, Sakura gave multiple instructions out and the men in black clothing started to converge and take position to engage. Even if he could create a diversion to open a gap in between them, the hole would soon close up again.

The plan Taiyou discussed with the girls was seemingly the correct course of action to take, however...

「Let's go! UOOOO!」

Taiyou let out a war cry—-and turned his face to look behind him. And he went straight towards the concrete wall and started to hit it!

DOKA! GARAGARAGARA. (*punch* *crumble* rocks falling)

The concrete wall crumbled to dust and a cloud of sand raised from the ground.

「A, amazing.....as expected of Taiyou-san」

「Is this the time to be impressed?! Quickly get away」

He was speaking loudly and trying to urge them to escape. When he did the three sisters were shocked to action and began to make their way towards the other side of the hole. The three sisters were unwilling to part with Taiyou and they looked at him one last time before making their escape together.

They were taking advantage of the fact that Sakura was taken aback with amazement and using it as an opportunity to escape through the hole, Taiyou had the aura of a mighty warrior and was standing in a daunting pose.

Sakura whom was late to react had a bitter smile on her face.

「I didn't expect that you would be able to open a hole in that concrete wall」

「Did you think I would go towards the black clothed men? If that's the case then it's regrettable. To be completely caught off guard, how does it feel? 」

「You need to say that kind of dialog more sinisterly, otherwise it won't be effective」

「If a person is good natured, my way of talking is also acceptable」

「Ara (oh), But it seems that you have a wicked heart」

Sakura was standing on guard, ufufufu, and on the contrary, she began to laugh as if she was enjoying the challenge.

「Oi, what are you just standing there, quickly chase after them」

Hayakawa's father was shouting at the men in black and tried to get them to move. They were unable to comprehend the event that occurred because it was beyond their expectations, so instead of taking action they seemed to have looked towards Sakura and waited for the next set of instructions.

「It would appear that instead of taking a detour, it would be faster to just push onwards. There is no other choice, please subdue that child」

「Yes! 」

One of the men clothed in black responded to the order, and he extended a hand which looked tough and muscular towards Taiyou.

Taiyou casually grasps the man’s hand, and returned a punch of his own.

The man in black tried to guard against it, however——.

「Gu……Haa…..」

Taiyou easily broke past the man’s guard, and his fist landed straight in the belly of the man. In an instant, the man’s body was raised from the ground, and his body blown backwards and flew like the way you would write the 〈 Japanese character.

「…….You, are you for real? 」

The complexion of Sakura’s face changed. It was an expression that was filled with astonishment looking at how powerful Taiyou was.

「I’m just an average kid, that is crazy about games」

「Is that so? 」

Sakura erased her surprised expression and jerked her chin, when she did the men in black all moved at once and went towards Taiyou.

Taiyou took a step back and went inside the hole in the wall. He went from a position in which he could be attacked from three directions to where it was only possible to attack him from the front.

It was the kind of knowledge he applied from the SRPG he used to play back when he was leveling up in his games. (Strategical Role Playing Games)

Taiyou began to punch the incoming black men and knock them away one at a time.

It was an overwhelming amount of power, all he needed was one punch in order to defeat his opponents.

After all, that strength was a power which exceeded common sense……..It was a power he obtained from leveling up and reaching 30 strength. However, his other stats were mediocre and because of this, Taiyou were unable to dodge or deflect the attacks coming from the men in black and he actually received plenty of strikes from his opponents as well.

The men in black came at him one after another, and he received numerous blows to his body, and the damage was piling up.

Even so, Taiyou's punches did not seem to get any weaker in strength. He was continuously defeating the black clothed men in one punch.

「What kind of M, Monster are you? 」(Hayakawa's father)

「……tsu」

He wiped the corners of his mouth where fresh blood was seeping out with the back of his hand. He completely ignored Hayakawa's father who was frightened by him, and looked towards Sakura whom had a sour face right now. Hayakawa's father was only a small issue, the main problem was all caused by Sakura.

「These bunch of good-for-nothing, fellows」(Taiyou speaking)

Taiyou was grinning and laughing, because the result seemed to be apparent, his next move was to make a bluff.

「…….These guys and I have worked together for a very long time, I know best the extent of their true abilities. They are definitely not one to get beaten by high school student」

Sakura gave Taiyou a piercing gaze.

「You, who are you really? 」

「Like I said……I'm just your regular high school kid that is crazy about his games」

「Since you are not willing to answer, does this mean that if I want to find out, I'll have to use brute strength to pry it out of you? 」(Sakura speaking)

「Who knows, we shall see」

Taiyou responds in a light hearted manner.

Suddenly, an uncomfortable feeling welled in him.

At first he didn't know what gave him that uncomfortable feeling, so he started to look around to find out what it was.

However when he realised what it was, his heart grew even more worried, and it was like a large bell was being wrung loudly in his head.

——ZOKU! (*tremble*)

The hot sweat which came out as he was battling, turned to cold sweat in an instant. The scary chill which ran up his spine returned again.

It was the instant, in which Sakura raised up her hand, in which he felt this feeling. However, he was mistaken when he thought that what would appear would be another bunch of men in black.

Taiyou instinctively made a step back.

An extreme explosion of killing intent was released, and without thinking, Taiyou was reacting with his instincts.

Chapter 13: Code name: Shirokiyami

The inside of my brain was painted in white.

My thoughts were suspended, the scene in front of me was so unrealistic that I felt like it wasn't real, It was almost as if I was seeing the world from a computer screen and spectating some kind of FPS game.

In the residential area where the sun was beginning to set and evening was about to arrive, Taiyou stood in an upright fashion.

In the space that seemed to exude darkness——a white girl appeared.

The girl had a slender build and she was holding an unbalanced sword in her hand.

An attack!

Even if he realised what was happening inside his brain, Taiyou continued to stand still without moving a muscle.

The swaying street light reflected a dark grey light.

The dazzling sword……approaches before his eye's!

「Taiyou-chan!」

「—-tsu!」

Taiyou whom barely reacted to his name being called, fiercely kicked the earth beneath his feet and flew backwards. Because it was so unpredictable, he landed in a unsightly/clumsy way falling unto his back, however, thanks to his timely response he was able to avoid the balde which blurred and sliced the wind creating a howling sound.

「Taiyou-chan are you ok!?」

With half his brain still paralyzed from the amount of killing intent that poured towards him, he looked in the direction that the voice came from. Before he was aware of it, what appeared in front of him was the worried expression of his level up fairy, Hera.

Gradually, his thoughts began to settle and he regained some control over his body.

「……..I'm safe, there's no problem」

「I'm so glad〜…..」

He patted the head of Hera who seemed like she could cry at any moment, and he slowly pushed himself up from the ground.

「What a strange, person」

The girl mutters. Taiyou rebuilt his stance, and looked at the girl who launched the slashing attack at him.

what stood before him was an unbalanced girl.

a distinctive feature of hers, was her long white hair which reached the back of her knees and was fluttering in the wind. possessing a skin that was similar in colour to her hair (albino skin), and red boundless eyes which seemed to be looking at everything and nothing at the same time.

In contrast to all of this, she was wearing a black gothic Lolita dress, which portrayed a witch like image.

on top of her white(fair) look she covered it with black clothing.

That was not the end of her imbalanced look, She appeared to be around 140 centimetres tall but she was holding a normal Japanese katana that had a wooden handle.

She was still standing in her battle Iai pose, whilst she looked at Taiyou in a mysterious way. (Iai battle stance = Kenshin move, the one where he draws his sword and uses that momentum to make an attack and immediately sheaths it again.)

「You….who are you?」

Taiyou questions/challenges her. Maybe because his brain wasn't

working properly yet, rather than asking why she attacked him, Taiyou was more interested in who she was.

「My name is not worth mentioning」

After the girl declared such a thing, she tilted her head as if she suddenly remembered something.

「Actually I misspoke.....You are not worthy to know my name」

(Illustration: Shirokiyami Wielding a Katana)

「Hey, was there a point to stating it like that?」

「Yes. It's the manners I learnt from someone I know. they also told me that I should wear a mask whilst saying such things」

「I don’t really know whom you learnt such things from, but they don’t seem like decent/good people to me!」

Taiyou intensely declared.

「Most likely, you are also not a decent/good person」

「Why’s that?」

「The way you were speaking to yourself just know was weird」

「uuuu」

What she was trying to say was, he had been talking to himself all this while at the energetic thing that kept flying around his vicinity with a twinkle in her eyes.

In other words, although it seemed as though he was talking to himself, he was in fact talking with Hera.

To Taiyou all he did was thank Hera whom saved him from a pinch by giving her a nice pat on the head.

However nobody other than him could see Hera’s existence/appearance, that’s the reason it seemed like he was talking to himself in a soliloquy, even if he was called strange/weird for it, there was nothing he could say in rebuttal.

「Taiyou-chan〜……」

Hera also understood this fact and she showed him an apologetic look.

Taiyou was smiling and had an expression that said “its not your fault” . He turned to face the girl and Sakura, and rebuilt his expression to a more serious one and began to speak.

「That was quite an ambush」

「It was not my intention to hide anything from you, you know? She was right there from the start」

「Since the beginning?」

「Yeah, since the beginning. she was standing amongst them」

「Aren’t you lying? I couldn’t detect her presence in the slightest」

「Her speciality is being able to hide/disappear within the shadows/darkness」

The girl stuck out her chest and she had a slightly boasted/proud look on her face…….I’m not sure if being good at hiding was something to be proud of, But what I do know is that her breasts, were indeed something to be proud about. (Note: easier way of saying this is, her tits are huge!)

「Like I thought, wasn't she intentionally trying to hide her presence!」

「Well I guess what you say makes sense」

「Don't just suddenly agree with me! And what's with that dangerous looking sword, isn't it a violation of the law to hold that thing in public?」

「This is a piece of art. I also have a license for it, so it's not a problem」

「The fact that the sword can cut people is strange!!」

「No problem」

The girl quietly repeated her statement, and as if she was showing off her sword, she pointed it towards Taiyou.

「Even if that's the case, you can't just go around and start cutting people up right?」

「That too, is, no problem」

「nononononono—-」

Obviously there was a huge problem—-The moment she casually claimed that chopping people up was "not a problem" I felt shiver go up my spine.

「It will all be good, after cutting them up, isn't there always people that will clean up after me?」

Whilst saying such cruel things, she cutely tilted her head, and looked towards Sakura as if she was trying to confirm the validity of her words.

「Well now, what were we talking about again? I don't really comprehend the conversation just now」

Although she was feigning innocence, her unnatural tone of voice told a completely different story.

「Is this the forgetful giveaway stall?」

「Mhmm, I have absolutely no recollection of such things ever occuring」

「Well, apparently that's how it is」

the girl faced Taiyou and pointed her sword right at him.

「Are you prepared.....to die?」

A killing intent that was three times thicker than before rose up and assaulted Taiyou.

It was after all a killing intent so strong that it could bind his

movements, however, having already experienced this feeling multiple times in a short period he was able to gain some experience dealing with it and he was slightly more used to it. In order to rile himself up Taiyou released a fearsome warcry and savagely headed towards the girl.

instead of shrinking back in fear, he faced her head on.

「——tsu」

Perhaps it was because she did not expect him to actually rush at her, the woman's noble face was lit brightly in surprise. Facing such a Taiyou, she pulled back the tip of her sword for a moment.

However, Taiyou did not let her escape. He extended his hands forwards and faster than she could sheath her sword into the scabbard, Taiyou grabbed the sides of the sword with both his hands——and he put strength into his arms.

BAKIN! (*snap*)

both of his arms crossed each other and in that moment a snapping sound could be heard echoing in the surrondings.

Taiyou gripped the girl's sword.....and crazily enough it seems that he snapped it in two!

Completely blowing her mind, the girl looks at her broken blade in utter shock. It would seem that Sakura was also in the same condition, her eye's seemed to grow so big they would pop out and she did not expect

for such a development to happen that she was at a loss for words.

It’s now or never!

Thinking such things Taiyou threw the broken piece of the sword which he held in his arms directly at Sakura.

He thought that if he threw the sword at the mysterious girl she would just deflect the sword easily, therefore he threw it at Sakura whom he predicted was not a martial artist.

And just like he predicted, Sakura could not react to his throw so the mysterious white girl overtook the broken sword piece flying towards Sakura and easily deflected it away.

A metallic sound resounded and sparks scattered everywhere. In that moment of opportunity Taiyou turned his body and together with Hera, he dashed away with lighting speed and escaped.

「Haa……..Haa……..If I have ran this far, It should be safe right?」

Taiyou whom ran away with all his might had gone out of the residential district,and he arrived in the down town where it was bustling with people everywhere. Taiyou had a frantic expression on his face, after barely escaping he was out of air and was trying to catch his breath on the roadside, passersby who saw him all gave a doubtful/suspicious look.

Although he was being stared like he was some weird person, funnily enough he actually welcomed it right now. If there are this many

witnesses around, there was a less likely chance of him being attacked in public.

「Haa.....I thought I was going die..... More like, If I had to fight her again one more time, I would be 100% dead」

When any one of his emotions became too overpowering or approached their limits, Taiyou would on the contrary become calm and composed, that was the kind of unique personality he had. Even now it was the same, faced with overwhelming killing intent he literally felt his death approaching but instead of pissing his pants, he actually became calm enough to analyse the difference in each others strengths and make a judgement based on that to maximise his survivability.

An adult or a child?.....No it was more like seeing the birth of a professional hand-to-hand fighter take its first baby steps.

There was a huge difference in strength between him and that mysterious girl.

facing such a woman he was able to create a moment of opportunity and escape with his life.

He imagined that it would be difficult to catch them off guard like that again a second time.

If they were to meet again, he thought that the next time he would surely be cut down, he was overlooking this as if he was seeing the problem from someone else’s eyes.

「Even so, Taiyou-chan you were so cool～. As expected of my Taiyou-chan～」

「Before you say anything else, Hera, I have a favour to ask of you. Are you able to part from me and act on your own?」

「Separate from you? uhm, with your level the way it is right now, I can separate from you up to a radius of 1 kilometres～」

「So even that is dependant on my level huh……..well for now this kind of this is not something I should worry about. you said that you can do around 1 kilometre radius right?」

「What would you like me to do?」

「Won't you find Kotone and the other girls for me? The situation became quite messy when I was battling and beating the men dressed in black, and as soon as possible I would prefer it if we could regroup together」

「I understand, leave it to me～!」

After saying such things, Hera rigorously flaps her wings and took off into the night sky.

Taiyou saw her off and then he leaned his back against a nearby wall, his whole body was completely exhausted.

It was as if his hands suddenly remembered to feel again, pain shot through his fingers into his arms.

When he looked closer, the palms of his hands had cuts on it and bloodstains could be seen. It probably happened when he gripped her katana and broke it off with his bare hands.

He fumbled around his pockets in search for something to stop the bleeding. However, he was, after all just a high school student boy living alone, things like handkerchiefs or tissues was not something a school boy would bring around in his pockets and he did not have such things on him either.

When he thought that there was no other choice but to tear the hem of his shirt to use it as a bandage....

「Here, You can use, this」

In front of his eyes a white handkerchief was presented to him.

When he looked to see who it was, he discovered that it was the white mysterious girl he had just fought with.

Chapter 14: Thick and Thin

To the sudden event that occurred Taiyou's head went blank. However that was only for a moment and he soon got his bearings and hopped away like a frog and gained some distance from the white woman in one breath's time.

The pedestrians who saw such a peculiar action by Taiyou, gave him various kinds of gazes/reactions. A business salary man had a strange look on his face as he alternated looking between the girl and Taiyou, A mother told their kid "Shh, don't look at them" and she hurriedly brang her curious kids away from the scene.

The people around him were giving him an over exaggerated amount of attention, however, if you compare it to what happened to him moments ago, where a Japanese Katana sword was pointed right at him, their reactions would be even more crazier if they saw such a scene, in fact this kind of reaction would have been insufficient.

Taiyou was displaying a posture of extreme vigilance but it seems that such actions were a futile and vain effort. The white girl had a handkerchief in her hands, instead of the Japanese Katana, and there seemed to be no other hidden motives in her actions.

Both her hostility and her killing intent was so meek that he could barely feel it.

Honestly, the feeling was so different that he almost thought that they

were different people, Taiyou was bewildered/perplexed.

Looking at the girl, he couldn't hold it any longer and he asked her a question.

「You, Why are you here?」

「Handkerchief」

「Eh?」

「More importantly, you? That hand is bleeding 」

Taiyou was still breathing irregularly, and he looked at the handkerchief was had been presented towards his hands.

It seems she's trying to lend me her handkerchief in order to stop my bleeding?

「Why.....?」

「Having a handkerchief, is part of a woman's etiquet, te」(Note: she talks in broken sentences: Etiquette)

「No that's not what I am asking you.....」

「—it, was what a guy, once told, me 」

「A man taught you those etiquette?!」

「After that time, I held it on with me, where ever, I went」

「From that moment onwards? You haven't replaced it with a new one?」

She tilted her neck slightly, and was thinking for a little while.

「.....I don't really, remember?」

「Please! can't you start talking in a more political fashion!? It almost seemed like you had a total memory loss or something!」

「.....my secretary, talk, to you?」

「Like I said please talk in a more political manner!」

「.....would you die.....for, me?」

「This is so hopeless!」

A comical dialog between these two people seemed to have unfolded on the road side. The pedestrians who saw the both of them would hurriedly try to avoid their path by walking faster, and this made Taiyou remember something slightly uncomfortable.

「We are getting way to side tracked here, you, why exactly did you come here for, that's what I am asking you」

「That is, I came to recieve, compen……sation」

「compensation?」

「For the katana you broke, I want, compensation」

「Oioi……..」

Taiyou was astonished beyond belief.

「So you came here just for that?」

「It's not just, a small, matter」

The mysterious white girl arched her eyebrows. Since the first time I met her, she showed me an expression of displeasure. (pout)

Although she was already a beautiful girl to begin with, maybe it was because it was the first time since they were both together that the tension had completely disappeared, but he thought that she was extremely cute.

「That child (the katana)…….. is my second favourite masterpiece, moreover……..it's really, expensive」

「When you say expensive……How much are we talking about here?」

The subject changed to money, and this time he mentally prepared himself.

「It's around……..seven digits」

「That's ridiculous! you could buy a car with that kind of money!?」

「That's….not it, when I said around, I meant that it was crossing over to eight digits」

「Can't you buy a house with that? just what kind of sword was it!?」

「That sword can be considered cheap, my favourite sword is worth…..」

「Your favourite sword is worth?」

I gulped a huge amount of saliva in expectation.

「national treasure」

「for reals?」

「truly. That's why, its price… less……Just like how my smile is」

「Aren't you exaggerating a little too much!」

Although sure she was cute. but saying her smile is priceless was like saying she was a hooker. (Note: in Japanese the act of selling smiles was a term that can refer to a prostitutes way of attracting men to buy their "smiles")

「Complain, to the person, who taught me to say, such things」

「Who is this person really!?」

「……Po」

「I understand, all I need to know is that the person who taught you such things is truly a despicable fellow!」

unexpectedly Taiyou was a little riled up by the conversation. He hit the wall next to him with his full power. With a strength of 30, the wall crumbled easily.

「That reminds me. When you broke my sword a little, while ago」

「Hmm?」

Her voice still contained a little bit of grudge for what he did to her

sword as she talked to him.

「You have amazing strength. I was able to deflect the sword that you……threw at me, but, my hands, they are still shaking/rattling. It was a dreadfully straight aim you had」

「Well I'm not sure if it was all that accurate」

「The secret to your strength, I want to know」

「Well, even if you say secret—」

He could not really mention the fact that he was capable of leveling up, as it would definitely lead to huge misunderstanding,

However, in the next moment. The facade that he tried to put out of feigning ignorance was blown away by the next set of statements.

「The power you displayed, with the amount of muscle on your body…… applying the physical laws of nature……is most definitely, weird」

「–tsu!」

「There must be some other source to your strength. maybe its power you obtained from chi/qi? or is it perhaps, the thing known as…….magic?」

The white girl took a good guess but she was still quite far from the real reason. Although most her guessing had been off the bulls-eye, Taiyou had to recover his trembling heart from exposing the “secret” and he quickly returned to pretending to be senile/dumb/innocent.

「These days becoming reincarnated as a cheat character is really common…….don’t you think that this may be my second life?」

「That kind of, Unrealistic……thing, I refuse to believe it」

「For you, things like Chi/qi or Magic is that something that is supposed to be realistic!?」

「By the way, for your information, I do not, use, either…….of those things」

「You don’t?! From the flow of the conversation, you completely fooled me into believing you were some sort of magician or something」

「chi/qi is unnecessary. Physics/law of nature, is important. That’s because, “being big, fast and strong. if you have those three things you wont lose to anyone” is what someone erotic once told me」

「I think you mean to say admirable person, these particular words are logical and seem straightforward」

「No, it truly was…….An ero person who said it. An admirable person would have a thick bible book, however, that person had a thin book in his hands, that’s why」

「Indeed, I have no idea what you are saying!」

「The company and Chris's thin book……I love these things」

「This Chris person's gender, its probably better if I don't ask you about it right?!」

after exchanging such a comedic conversation with the white girl, Taiyou complete let down his guard and couldn't think of such a girl as his enemy anymore.

She was cute, a little bit strange, and she reminded him of someone that was familiar to him, she was the type of girl he couldn't hate.

It almost seemed as if their previous wild encounter/battle was a complete lie.

Therefore, he was awfully confused. He could not grasp the girls real personality.

She wasn't his ally, but at the same time he could not see her as an enemy either.

She was an opponent he fought once before, and even now the wound in the palm of his hands would begin to pound/pulse whenever he remembered the scene. It was difficult for him to make a clear-cut decision as to their relationship status.

Whilst he was thinking about what to do.

「Taiyou-chan! I've found them〜!」

Hera appeared right in the empty space beside the white girl and came flying towards him.

Seeing her figure instantaneously teleport near him, Taiyou was still surprised as he was not used to it.

「Uwaa?」

The white girl leaned her head in doubt. Taiyou was flustered and he tried to cover up his actions.

「It, its nothing. A telephone call just came in, that's all」

Taiyou grabbed out his smart phone which was still broken and pretended to touch the screen, he then put the phone next to his ear.

「Hello」

Whilst saying such things, he winks at Hera.

Hera nods her head in understanding and gave a thumbs up to Taiyou whilst looking at the white girl.

「What's up, did you find them?」

「Yes～, I found them～」

「The place? can you please tell me where it is?」

「Its over here～」

「I understand, I'll come over right now」

He was talking with a fairy nobody could see, normally people would think he was crazy if he started talking in a soliloque, however by holding up a phone to his ears, in this modern age he splendidly solved the problem and could become less conspicuous/suspicious.

Taiyou whilst pretending to be on the phone, gave a slight bow towards the white girl, he returned to her the handkerchief he obtained and hurriedly tried to depart.

Following Hera's guide he started to depart, but he turned back to glance at the white girl.

She was just staring silently at him, and she did not seem to intend to follow him.

Looking at her not moving to follow, Taiyou was slightly relieved.

All the albino coloured girl did was stare silently into the back figure of a young boy as he continued on his path.

「I was.....being avoided/warded off」

As she muttered she things, she let out a slight sigh of dejection.

When compared to other boys and girls of her age, just by a little bit.....Her physical strength was above average. Her eyesight was extraordinary like a savannah huntress, and her hearing was also exceptional. it was to such an extent where, if she had been stuck in traffic she could hear the sounds of music coming out from a person wearing earplugs without any problems at all.

There was nothing her ears could not zone in on. From Taiyou's phone, she could not hear any form of conversation being said by the party on the other side of the phone. From her perspective, it was as if the only reason he did that was to escape from her presence.

The stains of fresh blood on the handkerchief reminded her of the existence of the boy whom she had cut in the palm with her katana. Thinking back, it was natural for him to want to avoid her after such a thing.

Although it was a natural reaction, even then the action of him trying to avoid her, made her heart ache with sadness, such was the problems of a pubescent young girl.

She returned from the road she came from, and her retreating figure, seemed to somehow look really lonely.

Chapter 15: Three girl's makes a Harem

At Night :

Taiyou dashes through the shopping district. He ran so fast that he would almost crash into the surrounding pedestrians, or sometimes he would stumble over the maintenance holes/manholes, but he ignored all this and continued to follow Hera as fast as he could.

「Hey Hera, are the girls are safe?」

「Yes, They are safe～」

Hera answers me in a very carefree manner. Taiyou responded to Hera's comment with an "is that so?", and as expected he was worried for the girls wellbeing. Hearing it from Hera was one thing, but unless he actually confirmed it with his own eyes, it was not possible for Taiyou to feel relieved.

Whilst keeping such feelings inside him, Hera was guiding him towards a place that he was deeply familiar with.

「Isn't this.....The apartment I live in? 」

「Yes desu～. ummm.....」

Hera was floating in the air and looking around for the three sisters. Before she was able to find them, the girls themselves appeared.

「Taiyou-san!」

Although he only heard one voice, it was their speciality of being able to speak all at the same time. Immediately after, the figures of the girls could be seen dashing from the shadow of the building.

It was the peculiar identical triplets.

The three people with the same face: Kotone, Suzune and Kazane simultaneously appeared and rushed over towards Taiyou.

「Uwaaa!」

They came up really close to him and all at once they pounced/jumped on him. Pressed by the sudden weight of all three girls combined, Taiyou's lower body was slightly strained.

Due to the abrupt action of the girls he lost his balance, he was in a position where the three girls were laying on top of him like he was some sort of table. Crash, Boom, bang! Sounds like this were heard as he fell over.

「Uwaaaannn, Taiyou-san.....Taiyou-san! 」

Kotone repeatedly called out his name with a loud voice. She was holding to his right hand firmly like a childish young girl.

The other girls were also in a similar position. The second tallest girl Suzune was wrapped around his waist like a toddler and Kazane who was the smallest of the trio was holding on to his left arm. Being tightly gripped in a snake like hold by the three, Taiyou could barely move a muscle let alone try to get up.

No, If he really wanted to try and get up he could easily do it, this is because, due to leveling up, his strength level's as quoted by the white girl is "beyond the laws of nature, a strange power" If he was motivated enough to get up, he could stand with all three girls still stuck to his body.

However, he did no such thing. Previously when they were escaping, Taiyou said to the girls "Leave this to me, you guys should head off first", these kind of words were usually a precursor to the death of a character in many films, and without a doubt this caused the girls to become really worried about him.

Therefore, he let the girls do as they pleased for a little while.

「Kyaah!」

Suddenly, Kotone let out a scream. Checking to see what had happened Taiyou gazed in her direction, Kotone had a surprised expression on her face as she looked at Taiyou's hand and her own clothes.

After looking at the situation he understood what she was so shocked about.

The wound he received in the palm of his hands from the white girl, was not yet completely healed. Due to her being glued to his body so closely, there was a sticky patch of red blood that was attached to her clothes.

The amount of blood that was flowing from his hands were almost like a horror scene where the characters would smear blood all over the glass windows. She released another scream.

「Koto-chan! What's wrong?!」

「Taiyou-san's hands, is this.....Perhaps a cut wound? 」

「The wound seems quite deep.....Wo, wont it become infected? 」

「I think it looks alright.....The cut was clean. Suzu-chan, Handkerchief」

「Here you go」

Kotone received a white handkerchief from Suzune, she folded it into layers and wrapped it around Taiyou's palms. She proceeded to wrap it around his arms in more layers and pressed tightly to stop the bleeding.

「Itatatata, wha, what are you doing?」(Note: itatata= ouch, ouch ouch)

「Please endure it, I'm stopping the bleeding. Suzu-chan, Kaza-chan, you guys hold his wrist」

「Yes!」

「I understand!」

The two listened to their older sister and grabbed unto Taiyou's wrist. Their grip was as strong as a vice.

「You guys….What on earth…..」

「Because the wound is not dirty, we can put off disinfecting it for a while longer」

「Yeah, First we need to stop the bleeding」

「If we don't it may get dangerous due to blood loss」

「Ahh…..You guys want to stop my bleeding by applying pressure? 」

Taiyou finally understood their actions. Although disinfecting the wound was also an important process, to normal people when they lose as much blood as him, it is likely that they will go into cardiac arrest and die. The analogy of disinfection is like, if you don't eat food for 1 week the most that will happen is you will starve, however, if a human doesn't drink water for a mere 3 days they will die, it was similar to that.

The concept behind their actions was precisely to stop the bleeding first before later disinfecting the wound,

「You guys, are really good at this. Where did you learn such a thing? 」

Even though he asked, the girls didn't respond to him.

It wasn't like they were ignoring him, on the contrary it was the opposite.

They were so focused on their job in tending to him that they couldn't respond. They were so worried for him when they saw the wound that they couldn't hear his voice when he spoke.

It was almost as if they were tending to their own wounds……..No it was even more dedication than that, they were desperately trying to stop the bleeding of his palms.

「……..It's really warm」

Suddenly, such an impression leaked from his mouth.

He said those words spontaneously, and from the depths of his heart, he really felt like it was filled with warmth.

Kotone was applying pressure on his palms, whilst Suzune and Kazane was gripping around his wrist to slow the blood flow. Although he was gripped so tightly, their hands felt really warm to Taiyou.

Suddenly, he began to notice something.

The palpitations of a beating heart.

It was different from his own heartbeat. From the three girls, their heart beats was getting conveyed to him from their hands. Surely enough, although they were three separate people the three sisters had the exact same rhythm of heart beats.

「Is this just a coincidence?……no」

At first he didn't believe their synchronicity but he soon threw such notions of impossibility away. This is because, the three people moved in the same exact pace and rhythm as they tended to him.

It was like watching a wave that piled on top of each other. Nevertheless, the wave would flow at the same pace.

It was not something that could occur merely by coincidence.

(After all they are identical triplets) Taiyou thought to himself.

At the same time he felt slightly uncomfortable. This is because amongst the four of them there was one heart beat that was different.

It was of course his own heartbeat. It was what he was accustomed to hearing, however it was a different rhythm to the girls.

Knowing that he was interrupting the flow of their hearts with his irregular pulse he felt slightly guilty.

Because of this, he tried to get his hands away from them.

「Ahh……You can't move yet」

Kotone used more strength to grasp his hand in place. Suzune and Kazane also followed suit and they tightly held onto his wrist whilst turning their gaze towards him.

「…..My bad」

Whilst apologizing he once again remembered the pleasant feeling of his hands being held.

Their hands were soft, and they were warm. This was……an experienced he never felt before in his life.

It was no longer the cold hand which lost a lot of blood, it became a hand that was filled with heartfelt emotions.

「…….」

He silently gripped Kotone's hand in return and placed the other two's hand on top of his.

「Taiyou-san?」

「Thank you」

Although it was embarrassing for him to say it out, he managed to get the words out. Most likely, the three sisters didn't really need such words to be said.

However, he felt like the foreign substance that.....intruded on their harmonious existence.

If he didn't say the words of appreciation, he thought that it wouldn't be conveyed properly, that's why he said it.

When he gave them his thanks, the three sisters began to get flustered.

「you, you didn't have to, the people that have to say thank you is us」

「That's right, you were the one who saved us from those people」

「If we didn't have you, we would have become guinea pigs right about now」

「Ahh, that's also true」

He actually didn't dare to admit that he had been thanking them for a different matter, so he just agreed with them.

He thought if he stated the real reason, he would seem pathetic.

That’s why he just opted to hold their hands with a little more strength.

More so than the amount of strength he put into his grip, his grip was filled with sincerity.

For a little while, all they did was hold into each other’s hands.

It was in the middle of the night at the residential area, right in front of his apartment entrance.

One boy and three girls were sitting on the ground whilst they had their hands overlapped with each other.

If they were sighted by some pedestrians they would probably be seen as weird/strange people, but thankfully at this time of the night, nobody was passing by the road.

The amount of time they were there was unknown but it was enough for the floor to grow cold on their bottoms.

Meanwhile, it would seem that the girl’s emergency treatment had begun to work and the bleeding of his palms had been stopped.

However, even when the bleeding was stopped the four people continued to hold hands without separating.

The girls were finally able to turn their eyes away from his palms as the

bleeding had stopped. It was as if they were waiting for the bleeding to stop before they looked away.

Seeing such reactions, he thought the girls were really sweet/precious and way too good for someone like him. Even now, he wanted to embrace them.

He wanted to, but right now he couldn't do it.

Taiyou was a peculiar young boy that lived by a set of very fastidious rules.

If he wanted to be together with the girls, he would first have to convey his idea's to the other party, and then only after reaching a resolution on the problem would he dare to make a move on them. Whilst thinking such things, he looked downwards as he talked to the girls.

「What do you guys want to do from now on?」

「「「We want to be together with Taiyou-san!!」」」

The three talked in their usual chorus.

「Thank you. But that's not what I was referring to. What I really want to talk about is what we can do in order to realize our objectives. In order for us to be together, we need to work around the "problem" you guys are facing and reach a good solution」

Hearing Taiyou's words the three girls glanced at each other, and looked down towards the ground whilst thinking in silence.

This question was too difficult for them to answer and they couldn't figure out a solution.

It couldn't really be helped. At any rate, their opponent this time around was in fact their real father. No matter how unsympathetic he was, or how outrageous his behaviour was towards them. Naturally these pure girls couldn't really take action against their own father.

For these three children, their father was an irrational existence.

On one side they revered him like he was a god, yet on the other side, his existence can become akin to the devil.

「Well……What should we do, I wonder」(note: Taiyou speaking)

「If that's the case, I can give you a good solution」(note: Sakura speaking)

「Junishima……Sakura……」

Her name was gently called out in quiet voice.

Before he noticed it, Sakura was already in front of him and all the hairs in Taiyou's body stood up.

Chapter 16: Protecting Loved Ones

With the appearance of Junishima Sakura, The problem that the girls couldn't solve came crashing right in front of them. Confirming that Sakura was indeed here, Taiyou thought that he needed to protect the three girls, however even before he had the chance to react, the three girls let go of his hands.

Suzune and Kazane went to the front of him and Kotone being the eldest was standing at the front of her sisters as if she was trying to protect/shield all of them with her body.

Their actions weren't planned out, however they did not show the slightest hesitation to jumping in front of Taiyou.

Without wavering they jumped in front of their adversary, the girls had strong resolve and was willingly volunteering themselves to become his shield. Taiyou understood their kind intentions.

However, He wasn't going to let them do whatever they pleased. Taiyou believed that being protected by girls just for the reason that he was slightly injured, was not something he could accept, as a man he thought that he should do something.

Thinking such thoughts, Taiyou gently pulled Kotone backwards and he stepped forward in front of the girls to replace their position.

「Taiyou-san!」

「I'm alright, thanks to you guys my bleeding has stopped 」

After he gave a smile to the girls, his line of vision once again turned to focus on Sakura.

Her appearance had not changed at all since he last met her. Her cold-hearted/piercing smile, the tight skirt she was wearing and even the atmosphere she exuded were all the same. There was only one aspect of her that that was different from before.

Her intimidation factor raised another level. It was as if he was facing some sort of boss character from an RPG that appeared to block his way whenever he reached a certain milestone.

Taiyou was leading the vanguard and faced her head on.

「Are you even human?」

Whilst he said this, he was looking around his vicinity――--he was looking for Hera, after finding her he exchanged looks with her to communicate something.

「Roger desu～!」

After their secret exchange Hera saluted Taiyou and flew into the air and left. Hera seemed to have understood that Taiyou wanted her to scout around the area. After she flew around the vicinity, she looked at

Taiyou and made a circle symbol on top of her head with her hands. (Note: a Circle in Japan is commonly used as a positive symbol meaning OK/good/all clear)

「Yes, I am a human being, why do you ask?」

「.....It would seem, that I don't "sense" any of your bodyguards with you this time around」

Making use of the information he obtained from Hera, He tried to bluff/intimidate Sakura.

「Oh? I didn't know you had such a skill/ability」

「You never know, what I just said may have been just a bluff」

「That can't be true. You seemed so definite about your statement. If you're telling me that what you said was a bluff, then you certainly have the qualifications/talent to become an actor」

「I don't particularly like Olive Oil, you know?」(Note: This particular expression is about how Japanese people drink a little bit of olive oil before going out for drinks, in order to line their stomachs to stop them from getting drunk. If you are an actor in Japan it would seem that going out for drinks and socialising with producers and such is the norm)

「That is a shame, that is one of the critical aspects of the job」

Both of them were “smiling daggers” at each other whilst exchanging a superficial conversation.

「Don’t worry, I’m not here to fight with you guys. Actually, it’s more like I can’t interfere」

「You can’t?」

「All my subordinates are currently all injured and they aren’t of any use to me, moreover, the backer that was providing my organisation with funds has mysteriously disappeared without any reason. The girl’s father was screaming and complaining about something or other, but the fact is I don’t have any more chess pieces under my control, and there is nothing I can do about that」

「Aren’t you giving up way too easily? 」

「Who knows? I could just be playing a trick on you, whilst keeping something up my sleeves」

「……If what you said just now was all just acting, it would be my pleasure to get deceived」

It seemed as though she was also trying to play tricks on his mind, and she was able to construct a believable lie in an instant. In terms of being able to physiologically manipulate one’s opponent, he thought that she was at least one to two times better than him at it.

Although at first…..He was the one trying to befuddle her with his witty

conversational skills, it was in fact him who began to get absorbed by her pace.

Taiyou swallows down his regret/frustrations, and straightforwardly asks her one more time.

「Are you really, a human being?」

「I have a name called Junishima」

「Your smile seems so untrustworthy/cheeky, that I don't think I can believe you」

「Fufufu」(*Laughter* in a lady like manner)

「Then, please enlighten me as to why you've come alone?」

「Aren't I allowed to come by myself? Even if I am by myself, you never know……I might be able to defeat you and bring away the girls by myself」

「……You don't really seem that strong to me」

He once again, took a good look at Sakura. She had killer legs that could probably strangle you to death. Boobs that would burst out of her clothes at any given moment….. And to top it off, her overall style was like a model.

Although it may have been too presumptuous of him to say it, her body looked nothing like a seasoned warrior.

「I could say the same to you, your body does not look as if it could destroy walls」

「Muuu……」

Taiyou was once again at a loss for words. These were words which could also apply to the White Girl. (Note: white girl = shirokiyami) To begin with, the white girl appearance also looked frail and delicate, as if she could be blown away by the wind.

That's why he decided that people could not be judged by their appearance.

In such a case, Sakura having a war potential was not so unrealistic anymore……Taiyou re took his fighting stance and carefully watched Sakura's movements.

「Oh? Are you finally going to believe in my words? Don't you think you are getting tricked way too easily? 」

「……Even so, there is no disadvantage in taking precautions 」

「That is also reasonable」

For a little while, they were both just staring at each other in silence.

Hera and the three sisters were all watching with suspense as to what would happen next.

「Fufu, Let's leave it at this for today」

Sakura smiled gracefully.

「Because I, am truly weak. I don't have any individual battle power. If I could do something, it would be to slap someone's cheeks with a bundle of money」

「What a cheap technique」(note: Taiyou is referring to her ability to bribe people)

「If it can achieve a desirable outcome and achieve my goals, no matter the methods I believe it is good to use it」

「I also agree with such a statement completely」

「Fufu, Aren't the two of us unexpectedly quite matching for each other?」

「From the way it is now, It is more likely that we will grow to hate each other」

「Even if that is so, that could also be a lovely/wonderful development」

Whilst saying such things, Sakura had a bewitching smile on her face.

Taiyou suddenly notices that he was already sucked into the conversation led by Sakura once again. She had a way with people that was able to enrapture them with her words.

Although it was a troublesome thing, he did not feel like it was unpleasant to converse with Sakura. In fact, he quite liked the witty conversations he shared with her.

If only they were able to meet under different circumstances…. one where the three sisters weren't involved, it may have been different between them—- As he was thinking such things.

「Taiyou-chan, Taiyou-chan!」

Hera begins to panic all of a sudden, and she flew in front of Taiyou. As he was unable to actually respond to Hera with words, He just looked at her with a glance that said "What's Wrong?".

「Taiyou-chan you are being aimed at! There, there and there……..Even on the rooftop, there are so many people, with sniper rifles all aimed at you! 」

「—tsu!」

Taiyou's expression changes, and he immediately looks towards the

directions Hera pointed out to him.

「Oh? It seems with the kind of face you are currently showing that you have realised what's going on. What an interesting person you are—-Although it may be a little late」

「You have snipers!」

「You are most correct/insightful. Then without me explaining.....You understand the position you are in right? 」

「Your actions are way to exaggerated, using such an underhanded move」

「It is you who is unable to see how important this matter is. If we can establish a method in which we can make a woman stay permanently youthful, the amount of money we could obtain is not in the mere hundred millions, it would result in profits exceeding a trillion. Facing such a large sum of money "it is unavoidable" that mere words cannot resolve the issue」

「.....The fact that your argument is so persuasive makes me feel irritated」

「Fufu, Now then, It seems that I have you completely cornered with all the snipers aiming at you, How do you wish to proceed, I wonder? Do you have the power to dodge bullets? 」

「.....」

Taiyou was silent, that kind of power.....right now he did not possess the ability to get out of his predicament.

Seeing Taiyou not moving a muscle, the three sisters began to talk.

「Taiyou-san, what does she mean by?」

「A sniper....?」

「—tsu! Are you being aimed at?!」

「You girls don't have to worry, none of my men will aim their gun's at you」

Sakura said such things with her usual expression.

「Since meeting you, this may well be the most trustworthy thing you've said」

Taiyou thought, that Sakura was a very wise/clever person, she was the type of person that would be meticulous in their approach to achieving their objectives and it was true that she didn't want the girls to be hurt.

In other words, because she wanted them as "test subjects" the safety of the three sister's bodies were most likely guaranteed.

「I can't say that I dislike your way of thinking, as expected it would seem that we are quite compatible with each other. If you weren't my enemy, it would be enough for me to want to go on a date with you」

「That's one is a complete lie isn't it?」

「Oh? I couldn't get you to believe me this time? Fufu, I guess, I'm reaping what I sow after lying so much」

Whilst giving him a smile she quietly observes Taiyou. Her pupils seem to constrict themselves, as if asking Taiyou "Well, what are you going to do now?".

Taiyou was thinking.

About what he could do to overcome such a pinch/situation. He was desperately searching for a solution.....However no matter how hard he thought he could not figure out what to do. He had absolutely no method of dealing with the long range specialists.

In conclusion, there was nothing he could do in the current situation.

He felt despair creeping in and his thoughts started to darken.

Sakura's objective is to kidnap the three sisters. Furthermore, he could not stop her.

That is to say, he either got shot for resisting and the girls would get

kidnapped, or he could just stand there and do nothing as the girls get taken away right in front of him.

Those two miserable options were the only ones he could take right now.

Although the things he could do were different, they both would result in the girls being kidnapped. If those were the only two options, he thought that it would be more logical to just suck on his thumbs and obediently hand the girls over.....

(What am I thinking!?)

Taiyou clears his head by shaking it, and he threw away such negative thoughts from his mind.

Seeing such a reaction from Taiyou, Sakura let out a thin smile and raises her hand high above her head. Sakura joined her thumb and the middle finger together, and readied a pose to snap her fingers together.

With that kind of signal, it was obvious that the bullet was about to arrive from the location Hera pointed out as soon as Sakura clicked her fingers.

(What should I do, what can I do?!)

「I will ask you one last time, Won't you kindly hand over the girls to me?」

Though he was asked, Taiyou had his lips sealed shut.

He could not find the answer.....He could not answer such a question!

In that moment, the three girls as if trying to protect Taiyou, surrounded him from all sides. Their faces was filled with determination.

「Fall back, you guys don't have to do something like this—-」

The girls did something that was unnecessary for Taiyou. Originally their safety was supposedly guaranteed by Sakura, and he didn't want this to change.

Therefore Taiyou was going to tell them to back off and gently push the girls aside.

However

「Taiyou-chan!」

Hera suddenly calls out towards Taiyou, as if she had discovered something once again.

「You must kiss these girls～」

What he heard coming out of Hera's mouth was a completely

ballistic/absurd proposition.

Chapter 17: Kiss all Three!

「What are you doing just staring into space～? Quickly you must give them each a kiss～」

Hera was standing up shouting at him, However, Taiyou had a face which said “Why are you telling me to do such things so suddenly?” whilst glaring at Hera.

This was definitely not the time and place for such things, and they weren’t in a lover’s relationship either.

「Quick-a-ly～, You must Kiss them～」

Even after he glared at Hera she did not turn meek, instead she directly looked at Taiyou, and almost as if she had eight eyes like a bug she urged him on.

When it was to this extent he figured that there must be some sort of reason as to why Hera was acting like this.

Telling him to do such strange thing and at this exact moment.

He thought that it could possibly have some meaning to it, therefore he faced the three sisters.

At that moment, all his doubts disappeared and his hesitations were blown away.

Kotone, Suzune and Kazane.

Although it was only for an instant, the three girls met their eyes with Taiyou's.

The same rhythm, the same wavelength.

The three sisters in that instant were looking towards Taiyou with the same gaze on their face.

It was filled with love/adoration and determination.

The moment Taiyou saw such eyes which had all their condensed feelings in it, Taiyou's heart skipped a beat.

There are certain things person can only learn if they put in the effort, and at this time, it was one of those things people could just naturally understand when the time came.

The sincere gaze that the three girls looked at him with, he just instinctually knew what it meant in one go.

It was the kind of look that meant that they would sacrifice everything for the person they loved, it was filled with that kind of determination.

That was the true colours of their looks.

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The reason the girls felt so strongly for him was without a doubt due to the influence of this figure. It was most definitely, not because of his own attractiveness or charm.

Even Taiyou could discern something as simple as this and he was not foolish enough to misunderstand.

Even if that was the case, the fact that they were letting Taiyou into their hearts at this juncture was also unmistakable. This was a phenomenon which happened for a fact.

In that case, at least.

I want to repay their sincere feelings and give it my all as well.

Taiyou silently moves his hand and entwines it around Kotone’s waist, he pulls her in close and embraces her in his arms.

Kotone didn’t expect this to happen at all and her face began to tremble.

Just like that, he gave her a Kiss!

(Illustration: Kiss All Three!)

「—tsu!」(*surprised*)

At first she was really shocked and opened her eyes wide, however she soon melted into his arms, and she accepted his everything. She

wrapped her arms around his back, and she entrusted both her mind and body to Taiyou.

「Koto-chan.....」

「That looks nice....」

Looking at their elder sister making out with Taiyou, they started muttering in an intoxicated tone.

Their feelings came out uncontrollably and became words.

After a good while, their kiss was finally over. The two girls had slightly opened lips, and as if they were going to faint, they released a hot sigh from their lips.

「Thank you, Kotone」

After hearing his voice, Kotone's legs began to waver and as if she lost the strength to stand, she slowly slid down to the ground.

Next was Suzune's turn. He turned to face her and he tenderly held on to her shoulders whilst she was standing on her tiptoes and puckering up her lips.

After a while the kiss ended, and just like her sister, Suzune's legs began to sway and she sat next to Kotone on the floor.

Last of all it was Kazane's turn. Although at first he felt guilty about kissing Kazane because it felt like he was committing a crime, right now, beyond those feelings he truly felt like she was just so precious/dear to him.

Taiyou kneels on one knee, and just as he kissed the other two, he also kissed Kazane in the same way.

Kazane's lips were as expected just as soft as the other two. And her beating heart was also just like the other two.

If he kept on kissing them, or if he could go to the next level and do something above kissing, would the girls behave in the same exact manner?.....And would they be able to share the sensations that their body experiences? If they could share such pleasure amongst themselves, the experience was surely wonderful Taiyou thought.

Whilst thinking such things, he reluctantly parted from her lips and Kazane joined her two sisters slumping to the floor.

Now then, With this—

「TE RE RE TE TE TE –♪ Taiyou-chan has Leveled Up〜!」

「What?!」

The atmosphere was lovey dovey and even Sakura was effected by it as she was intently watching the scene between them whilst she gently swallowed the saliva she held in her mouth due to the tension.

That was all blown away when Hera made her usual rhythmical and comical announcement.

It was a completely unexpected development for him, raising his level was the last thing Taiyou expected to happen.

Watching Taiyou level up, Hera had a proud/elated facial expression.

「With this you have reached level 5 desu～. A – N -D! As a privilege of reaching level 5, you are allowed to learn one new “Skill”～」

「Did you just say “Skill”?」

「Yes desu～, depending on the person and their level everyone has different “skills” they can acquire, the current Taiyou-chan has a choice from three unique abilities!～. From here you are only allowed to you choose one, kay～」

Similar to the sensation he felt when his status had popped directly into his mind, a string of characters suddenly emerged directly into his brain.

Active Skill: Super Armor

Passive Skill: Experience Boost

Passive Skill: Long distance immunity

As Taiyou is an avid gamer who actually raised many of his characters to

the maximum level, the terms stated here were seemingly familiar to him, additionally, he could imagine what the effects of each “skill” was going to give him.

Normally, following his usual path he would have wanted to optimise the amount of experience points he could obtain and he would without a doubt choose “Experience Boost”. However right now it was completely different.

“Means” to an “end”, he was a man who could clearly distinguish between the two and what he needed right now was a way to get out of the predicament.

「I choose Long range Immunity」

「Yes desu～」

As she said this, Taiyou’s body began to glow in a flash of white like a camera flash……it settled down shortly after.

「Is it done now?」

He gazed at the palm of his own hands, His exterior looks….no it’s not even about his exterior looks, even the person himself was unable to discern exactly what changed within his own body.

「Yes desu～, Taiyou-chan has acquired the skill『Long Distance Immunity』as his first skill～, It is one of the strongest skills capable of making assault rifles become useless against you～」

「I don't really.....Feel anything different about my body though」

Taiyou nodded, and he once again faced towards Sakura.

「I made you wait didn't I」

「.....What's with you, where did all this confidence suddenly come out from? 」

Sakura watched him vigilantly. For Sakura who was unable to see what just occurred as Hera is invisible to her, it was natural did she would feel that something was clearly off with Taiyou.

「My confidence gushed forth?.....Well In a certain sense, I guess you could put it that way」

「You aren't going to tell me, that the more you kiss the stronger you will become right?」

「What if I say that is exactly the case?」

「.....」

Sakura took a quick glance at Taiyou, and she deliberately clicked her fingers. (*Pachin*, *Click*)

「.....Oh」

Bullets appeared out of nowhere in particular and flew in Taiyou's direction, it accurately hit both his hands and both his feet in quick succession. Technically if that hit a normal person, they would be left with holes, bleeding limbs and blood flowing/gushing out like a river.

However, this did not happen to Taiyou. In fact the bullets that hit Taiyou made absolutely no sound, it was as if the bullet was sucked up by some cotton wool and it dropped harmlessly towards the ground.

Long Distance Immunity. Taiyou immediately feels the amount of power this ability gave him, and his mind leapt at the endless possibilities this presented to him.

But, he silently kept such words within his own mouth.

「That was impressive, they were able to accurately hit all four of my limbs. They were aiming for my non-vital parts and trying to disable me as quickly/effectively as possible without actually killing me」

「Yo, youu exactly what are you?.....」

「Who knows? It could be that I'm some sort of cheat character」

Taiyou smiles mischievously as he throws out another bluff to Sakura.

He was able to think things through calmly.

Thanks to the ability “Long Distance Immunity” I am able to eliminate Sakura’s trump card which is the Sniper squad and make them completely useless. However, if somebody like that white girl appeared with a Katana to cut me, the situation will turn back to a pinch in one swoop.

After all Long Distance Immunity doesn’t suddenly make me great at fighting in close quarters combat.

Therefore by throwing this kind of bluff, it forces Sakura’s hand to be revealed.

Taiyou recalls the previous events in which she was able to discern his truths from his lies and beat him at his own game of bluffing.

「Ahh, let me just say one thing. Even if I got hit by a nuclear bomb, I could probably get away unscathed」

He stretched his bluff to the utmost, by proclaiming something which sounded completely ridiculous.

「It’s alright now～ All of them have left desuyo」

Hera had become used to scouting for Taiyou. Hearing her report, Taiyou was finally able to let go off the tension he accumulated.

「Is that so? Thank you, because of you we are saved」

「Ufufu～」

「However, this time around wasn't leveling up way too easy, all it took was three kisses right? I mean literally it was only three times, you know? If you compare it to the amount of times I had to turn the coin over and over again, which was around 10,000 times, it can't even be a comparison」

「That's not quite true desuyo～, That was not three kisses, it was three different people that you kissed～. Well To be honest, the amount of people who reach level 5 in this world is a really low percentage～. Even if they do reach level 5, they are usually very slow. 90 percent of people usually drop out after reaching level 5 or they return to trying to gain experience by hitting walls～. Well, they can't really obtain any experience from purely hitting walls so most of them also end up dropping out」

「Ahh…..If you say it like that, it does seem like an incredibly difficult thing to accomplish」

Taiyou smiles wryly, He guessed that means that luck must of been on his side for it to be so easy for him.

「That's right, Taiyou-chan is a really lucky guy desuyo～」

「I'm not really sure what's going on but, we were able to be of some help to Taiyou-san right? 」

Kotone spoke, and the other two girls also joined the conversation.

「Heyy umm, does this mean that if we kiss you even more, we will become even more useful?」

「If that's the case let's do it! I want to do it more!」

「It is a shame, every level a different action must be done in order to accumulate the experience desuyo〜」

「Is that so……tsk」

「It's alright Koto-chan, even if it's not of any use, we can still kiss whenever we want」

「Or more like we must do it! I want to do it more!」

「……Hang on a minute?!」

Taiyou had just let all the tension in his body dissipate, and half way through the girls conversation he was just absentmindedly staring into space, however, he soon realized that there was something awfully strange going on. He held his hand out and interrupted the girl's conversations.

「What's wrong?〜」

「How are you girls, able to converse normally with Hera?」

Chapter 18: Hayakawa Sisters

At Taiyou's question, Kotone tilts her head and asks a question in return.

「We aren't allowed to converse normally?」

「Rather than saying you can't, I'm just really surprised is all. Aren't you guys the least bit suspicious or don't you feel this is all really strange? 」

「At first it was a little strange, however」

「Yeah, we saw what happened」

Kotone and Suzune gazed at each other at then nodded as if agreeing upon something.

「After Taiyou-san finished the kiss with Kaza-chan, around that time, her figure suddenly appeared」

「Before that we couldn't see her. Then suddenly the space/airspace cracked. After that we were able to see Hera-chan! Seeing her trying to help you out, we thought……"oh so this is what it's all about"」

Kotone and Suzune starts of the explanation and Kazane finishes off their sentences.

「At first I wasn't able to see Hera-chan, however I was able to feel and understand what Koto-chan and Suzu-chan felt and soon after Hera-chan's name resounded within my head」

「Around the same timing both me and Koto-chan was also able to hear her name within our heads」

「Finally we were convinced of her existence」

「……Ummm」

Taiyou rubs his temples in contemplation. Their explanations were stopped for the time being.

「So Hera, why is this all happening?」

His thoughts were all getting jumbled and confused, therefore he faced Hera and was hoping she could clarify things out.

「Even for someone like me there are some things that I don't understand desu～」

「Isn't there a time when I can depend on you! Or more like, isn't there more things you don't know, then things you actually comprehend?! I know it's a little late but, where exactly did you come from and for what reason are you even here, seriously」

「I was born in order to meet you～」

「You really like those kinds of cheesy lines don't you!」

「Excuse me, Taiyou-san.....」

When they were able to hear what Hera had said, three people from the back called towards Taiyou in a quiet/mellow voice. When he faced them, the three sisters were teary eyed and looked at him with puppy eyes.

The voice of the three sisters confessed.....at the same time.

「「「We were also, born just so we could meet with you」」」

After hearing such a confession from the girls Taiyou's heart shook/faltered. Unlike when a certain "silly" fairy confessed in a cheerful manner, the feelings of the three girls was deep with emotion and this was definitely conveyed to Taiyou. The confession was filled with so much passion that, he truly believed/was convinced they meant it when they said they were born for the specific purpose of meeting him.

He was at a loss for words as his heart strings were stirred up. Like never before, his heart was beating/raging like it was going to burst out of his chest.

When his reactions were spotted by Hera who was right next to him, she raised her voice and made an objection.

「Ahh～ Taiyou-chan you meanie desu～. Your reactions are completely

different to when I said it desu～」

「S, stop being so fussy」

Taiyou responds in a snappish tone. Taiyou's ears were totally hot, and he thought that for sure his face was burning up and completely red.

As if that wasn't enough, the three sisters seemed to pursue him even more aggressively, and they were currently holding their hands in prayer (like a nun praying pose) whilst looking up towards him. They stood still in that pose without saying anything, however their gazes held a different message.

Since a little while ago, two kinds of emotions arose within Taiyou's heart/mind.

The feelings of embarrassment and a craving desire.

Although both feelings were on an even balance, looking at the girl's passionate gazes, the scales completely tipped to one side.

Taiyou took a deep breath in, and reciprocated their intense gaze, he then gave each of the girls another kiss.

He barely grazed their lips, and the kiss itself did not last more than a second. A parched sound of a breath being inhaled resounded in the night sky.

The girls who were kissed were all enraptured. Whilst Taiyou on the other hand had an earnest expression on his face as he asked the girls a question in a serious tone.

「Let me ask you guys one thing. You girls, what do you want to do from now on? I understand that you girls like me, and just now, we each shared a kiss. ……..But from now on, what do you wish to do? 」

「Taiyou-chan that's totally unfair, it's boorish/ungentlemanly. In this kind of times, as a man Taiyou-chan should be the one to make the decisions desuyo〜」

Hera tried to butt into their conversation, seeing this Taiyou completely disregarded her existence. Right now, he truly believed that the earnest words he stated was necessary between them.

After he exchanged kisses between them he felt it even more, that he could not sense their existence or read their minds and he was an entirely separate individual from them. Furthermore the hearts of the three sisters were connected by the mind.

Taiyou didn't possess such an ability, therefore he could not discern their intentions without just straightforwardly asking them.

As a result, he wanted to hear it directly from their mouths.

The girls did not have an ounce of hesitation…….they did not need to exchange glances between each other like usual, instead they were able to immediately reply Taiyou's question.

「We want to be together with you」

「All three of us do」

「Forever and ever」

「.....I understand」

Taiyou nodded in affirmation, and he gently closed his eyes. As usual he wasn't able to feel their existence, however, after hearing their words it was satisfactory/sufficient enough for him.

Still having his eyes closed.....He had various resolutions made in his mind. And when he opened his eyes, he gave them a bright smile. For some reason the girls seemed to be surprised, but without worrying about such details he spoke to them.

「In that case, I have one last thing that I need to tell you.....It is of the most importance to me」

Hearing such words from him, the girls had a serious look on their faces. Without saying a single word, they expectantly waited for Taiyou's next words.

「Even when we are apart my thoughts will always be with you girls. This I will promise」

「「「Yes!」」」

The three sisters nodded their heads and jumped into Taiyou's arms at the same time.

The three girls often accompanied each other, and even when they were apart they were still connected.

For the girl's this was a natural part of who they were, knowing this Taiyou thought that it would be good if he could build the same level of trust between them.

It was not from obligation, the actions he took were because he truly‥‥‥liked the girls for who they were.

For a while they were embracing each other, until they naturally parted.

It was a sweet atmosphere.

「Then its settled in one go isn't it, congratulations〜, with this Taiyou-chan will become even more popular from now on desuyo〜」

「Why would it become like that?」

「Let me explain, kay〜?」

Hera closes her eyes and raises her index finger, she talks to Taiyou as if

he was a child and she had to make him understand by narrating slowly.

「Rather than a man which no woman wants to hang out with, a guy who is surrounded by women will become more approachable/popular, this is common knowledge desu～. For someone like you who started out without a single girl to interact with, as soon as they obtain their first girlfriend, they will instantly become popular desuyo～」

「……You are referring to the Caligula Effect? 」

「What is that?」

「It's when somebody is prohibited from doing something, they contrarily want to try it instead」

「『Don't push that button, definitely do not push it』is what you mean desune～」

「That's a completely different context!」

Taiyou decisively repudiates her statement.

「Anyways, the point is, it has a name of its own desune～. As I thought Taiyou-chan is going to become even more popular from now on, only having one girlfriend is enough to make someone popular, let alone Taiyou-chan, who actually has three girlfriends, he's going to become crazily popular desu～」

「No to be honest your logic is way off the mark」

「1+1+1 is equal to 300 nanodesu～ that's 10 times more popular desuyo～」

「Please give me a break already, the more you speak the worst you are starting to sound!」

When Taiyou raised his voice at Hera to retort her ridiculous logic, the three sisters all at once gathered close to his body.

「Taiyou-san if you become more popular will you become more happy?」

「Eh?」

「If you will become happy……We will gladly cooperate with you」

「No no, What exactly are you guys saying here?」

「So tell us what you really think」

He was just staring at the girls who seemed determined to help him become "popular".

The three eyes he stared at really did seem serious about their proposition. It was the type of eyes that said, if you wished for it, we

would even die for you without complaining.

I mean he was glad for their feelings, however, this is not what he intended for them at all.

He looked back at the three girls with a gaze that wouldn't lose to them in intensity.

「Those kind of things are not something you guys need to think about. Even if you don't do something like that for me, I will—」

Before being able to finish off his sentence, Suddenly Pechi! Hera slapped him on the head. Although it didn't hurt him, he was slightly annoyed, at this point in time what could she want anyways.

Although he was glaring at Hera, he noticed that the girls had a look of astonishment on their faces.

「As I thought Taiyou-chan is boorish and a blockhead at that〜」

「Haa? What are you on about? 」

「If you keep on pampering/spoiling them without letting them do anything for you, any woman will become obsolete desuyo〜」

「Well if it's good woman, they deserve to be spoi—No」

Taiyou shut his own mouth before finishing his sentence.

It was exactly as Hera had said.

Thinking that Hera was right, he cleared his throat and once again began speaking to the three sisters.

「In that case, Please let me become popular」

After he said such things, the girls actually showed him the best smile he’d ever seen plastered on their faces.

Chapter 19: The Proper Way to Love Someone

Morning :

Taiyou gets up and starts to dress himself in his school uniform, Hera was wearing her usual one piece dark green dress (the same as when she first met him) as she called out to him.

「Taiyou-chan Taiyou-chan, I believe you've forgotten something desuyo～」

「Did I leave something behind?」

Taiyou looks doubtful as he asks back to Hera whom was buoyantly floating in the air.

「Yes desu～, you've forgotten about your jacket desuyo～」

「My jacket? Why do I have to bring such a thing? 」

He tilted his head and stared dubiously at Hera.

The season was currently early within the summer, it's that time of the year where it will get really hot during the day.

Even if you were to examine the current trends of the people with the highest endurance and perseverance in maintaining a professional

outlook AKA the Salary man (Businessman) even they were wearing lightly dressed clothing. Taiyou was only wearing a uniform with short sleeves and even then he felt that it was really hot and humid, it was to the point that he thought he didn't even need a jacket.

However, Hera insisted him to bring his jacket and she must have had a reason for it.

It turns out that the reason was very important for Taiyou.

「It's because we will be using it in order to accumulate experience points for the next level desuyo～」

「Is that so?」

「It is so ～」

Taiyou nodded, he went into the back of his room, opened his closet and took out the winter clothing jacket that was still in its hanger.

The winter jacket was padded and quite heavy. It was a truly excessive piece of clothing within this time of the season. Not only was it bulky but it was likely to attract the attention of other people in the surroundings if he went out with such a thing, however if this was what it took for him to level up, Taiyou had no hesitation to endure any kind of hardship.

Taiyou took the jumper with him and finally left his room.

The three sisters were waiting outside the hallway of his apartment complex. The girls had an expression of happiness on their faces mixed in with a tinge of shyness/bashfulness. Taiyou gave them a smile in return, and the four of them departed the apartment and headed together to school.

Well let's not forget about the small floating fairy, so in total there was actually four people plus one.

「Well, will you tell me how I'm supposed to use this jacket in order to accumulate experience points?」

「Yes ～. First of all you need to put it on desu～」

「Like this?」

「After you finish wearing it, take it off and drop it on the ground desu～」

「I'm supposed to intentionally drop it?」

「After you let it fall into the ground, you need to pick it up and wear it again, this action needs to be repeated over and over……」

「I remember seeing this in a kung-Fu movie!」

Taiyou stood still, similar to how the famous person in the movie took of the jacket, he threw his jacket down against the ground.

Taiyou suddenly lost his temper. The three sisters stopped their fluttering footsteps and watched over Taiyou and Hera as they conversed.

「More so than leveling this feels more like some sort of training」

「Taiyou-chan, you don't like to train?」

「Watching the movie was cool and all, but doing this is not really one of my hobbies!」

「Is that so? but, but Taiyou-chan even if this looks like some sort of training, I guarantee that this will also raise your experience points desuyo～」

「……Seriously? 」

「seriously serious～」

「……If that's the case, well I've got no choice but to do it」

「Yes～, Now this is starting to sound like my usual Taiyou-chan～」

Hera had a big smile across her face, the four of them finally started walking again and headed towards school. Because it wasn't really something Taiyou could do whilst walking, he grabbed the jacket and held it in his hands for the time being, he would later find a time in which he could do the action without attracting too much attention.

Suddenly, he notices that the three sisters were keeping silent.

When he was about to ask them what was wrong, he turned around and found out that they had a disheartened expression on their faces. “What’s wrong with them?” he tilted his neck in confusion.

「You guys, are you alright? Is there someplace you guys feel unwell? 」

When they heard Taiyou’s question the three girls deliberated with each other using their eyes. The representative that was chosen to talk to Taiyou was the smallest of the three Kazane.

「Taiyou-san……」

「Yeah?」

「Taiyou-san you’re……..Really close with Hera aren’t you? 」

「Well, if you were to ask me whether I hated her more or liked her more…….」

Taiyou glanced at Hera before he made his answer.

「I don’t hate her」

Taiyou couldn’t be more straightforward and just claim that they had a

good relationship with each other.

Even though Hera looked like a miniature character, after all she was a female with a girlish personality. It was at the point in his life where he couldn't admit to having a good relationship with another girl without feeling awkward about it.

In addition, he wasn't really comfortable with the way this conversation was going so he tried to steer the conversation into a more favourable one for him.

「Is there something wrong with our relationship?」

「Does Hera-chan feel the same way.....As Taiyou-san? 」

「Heh?」

He didn't really understand what they were trying to say, or what they were trying to imply.

That was because of Hera's miniature size—it made him unable to recognise her as another "female".

If only she was just like the three sisters in relative size, and if she looked more like a human Taiyou would have definitely been able to understand what the sisters were trying to imply here.

However this was not the case and Taiyou was left absolutely clueless

as to what they wanted to ask him.

「「「Is your relationship with Hera just like it is with us?」」」

Even after the three sisters said the question right in front of his face, Taiyou didn't immediately understand right away.

Before long though, he finally figured out what they were implying when he looked at their expressions.

Taiyou was in a fluster as he panicked.

「no no no, of course it's not anything like that, or more like that development is impossible to occur between me and Hera, right?」

「「「Is that really so?」」」

「Ahh, just think about it, the size of her body is so small, how am I supposed to make any sort of advances towards her」

「Ah～ You are such a meanie ～. What you just said was blasphemy to me desuyo～」

「no please, can you just keep silent, you are just complicating matters even more」

「「「is that really so……..?」」」

The three sisters looked down and was in deep thought.

They weren't totally convinced with what Taiyou said, that was the kind of expression on their faces. However, Taiyou was cautious and he didn't want to really provoke the situation any further as he thought that it might have the opposite effect if he desperately tried to convince them, therefore he stayed silent. Taiyou waited for the conversation to die down.

However, somebody was trying to thwart his plans.....he felt like her actions were similar to performing some sort of unnecessary maintenance.

「I completely understand～ The feeling's you girls have～」

「what do you mean by, feelings?」

「This is all stemming from the fact that Taiyou-chan is really indecisive and non-committal in the relationship desu～, if you proceed to the next stage of the relationship these meagre problems will also go away desuyo～」

「The next stage–」

Taiyou looked doubtful and he inclined his neck in confusion as he stared at both Hera and the three sisters.

Kotone, Suzune and Kazane. The girls no longer had expressions of worry, instead they had the face of a maiden who was shy and their cheeks blushed like a cherry blossom.

Putting the pieces together, along with the words “next stage”.

Taiyou was able to understand what Hera meant.

In an instant, his face was red as if it caught on fire.

「—-tsu!」

The one being embarrassed was not only him. The two girls Kotone and Suzune covered their own faces and ran towards the school in a dash.

The last girl remaining Kazane was of course also feeling the heat, but she had a determined look on her face as she faced towards Taiyou.

「Anone (the thing is), we share the same feelings」

「Eh? ahh, yeah. You’ve told me about that previously」

「That’s why, I know……They don’t dislike the idea」

Although Kazane was speaking in a roundabout manner, the main point was transmitted to him.

After saying this Kazane immediately took off after her two sisters, whilst staring at the backs of the three sisters Taiyou was just standing there with blank surprise.

His mind just blanked out.

The next stage——he was already at the stage of being their boyfriend, so the step after that must be…..

In other words——the thing you do after you kiss.

He was fantasising about such things. He instinctively imagined the naked figures of the three sisters whom had the same face but different body sizes.

As a healthy high school boy, Taiyou couldn't help but let his delusions run wild and his brain was becoming more pink coloured by the second.

「You have the face of a lolicon preda–tor」

「Uwaa」

Because he was suddenly talked to, he sprung up in surprise. When he turned around he saw the mysterious white girl he met yesterday, she was also staring the back of the three sisters.

「I said that I can sense the presence of a person with the Lolita com…..plex」 (Note: as usual she talks in broken sentences)

「I'm not a Lolicon !」

「But, you had such lecherous eyes, when you looked at those girls」

「Let me just clarify but Kazane is actually my class mate alright?! Furthermore they are actually a little older than me by a little bit, got it?!」

There's a reason why I was so insistent on getting the message across.

When we first entered the school we were given an attendance number by the educational institution, this number actually decided the order of the students by their age. The three sisters had numbers in the single digits whereas Taiyou had a number that was in the double digits. Using that as a basis he was able to predict that they were around two months older than him.

However, the white girl seemed to have completely ignored his words.

「Even if you are a Lolicon, it's alright. If it's.....now, it won't become a big, iss,ue」

「What are you saying! On the contrary if I truly was a Lolicon that's a really big issue, it would get me hated/criticised by the whole world」

「However, if you were really a Lolicon, That would actually help me a lot. That's because I won't be targeted by you」

「Let me just make one thing clear, you actually look like a Loli more so than the other girls!」

Taiyou immediately retorted her words. Her height was around the same as Suzune however, when Taiyou looked at the size of her chest, he deemed her chest to be even smaller than Kazane. (Note: either Shirokiyami has developed abilities to hide her own breasts or Taiyou is blind :P)

When Taiyou pointed such a thing out to her, the white girl became overly surprised and slowly retreated from him.

「Don't retreat silently!」

「Loli–con, Per-vert」

「Don't say such things whilst retreating!」

「Taiyou-chan, Taiyou-chan, I'm way smaller than the others, therefore if you want to…With me, it's fine desuyo〜」

Please for goodness sake, you need to stay silent, he looked at her with that kind of glare. He thought that if this conversation was to proceed any further he definitely would be digging himself into a deeper hole. Therefore he forcefully changed the topic of the conversation.

「More importantly, what are you doing here?」

「I got, fired, from my, job」

「Huh?」

「You, what did you do, to, the girl's father?」

Taiyou nodded in understanding, "so that's what this is about".

Last night's events floated within his mind.

Chapter 20: Although it's an illegal marriage there should be no problem if there's love right?

Taiyou and the white girl was walking side by side.

Although Taiyou was perfectly normal looking as he wore his school uniform on the way to school, the white girl gave a sense of incompatibility as she had long hair that dropped to the back of her knees and more importantly she was actually wearing a goth-loli dress.

The students who walked past them would show expressions of confusion and marvel at the get up she was wearing.

Perhaps the person herself was accustomed to being looked at in such a way, she just continued to talk to Taiyou without worrying about it at all.

「What did you, do?」

「I used my powers of persuasion, just a bit of it」

「persua–sion?」

Taiyou nodded, he grabbed a little stone pebble that was lying on the floor, and he applied pressure and tightly grasped the stone.

The stone shatters into dust and it spills in between his fingers falling to the ground.

「All I did was tie him up, whilst I fixatedly stared at his nether regions, then all I had to do was show him what I could do, just like I just showed you with the stone」

「Is there……A meaning to those act-ions? 」

「Well you are a girl so you probably don't understand」

Taiyou picked up another pebble and this time around, he stared at a passing schoolboy (at his lower body) and he squished the pebble to dust.

「Hiiii!」*squeal*

The school boy was terrified and he quickly cowered/ran away. He held his hands between his groins and hurriedly ran away to school.

「You may not know this but, to a guy this particular action is considerably effective」

「But, you didn't actually say, anything persuasive」

「Well, don't fret about it too much, as long as it works its fine isn't it? I achieved my objectives and that's good enough」

「As long as you achieve your goals, are you the type of person that…… Doesn't care about the methods? 」

「That’s not true」

Taiyou shakes his head.

「On the contrary I place extreme importance in the methods I use…….The best……..I will analyse my options at the time and I will only choose the best and most efficient method to accomplish my goals」

「I under, stand」

For a while the white girl just remained silent.

Taiyou whilst walking side by side with her, gave her a side long glance.

Although her chest was hopelessly small, her looks were unmistakably very beautiful. (Note: again he says her chest is small I may have to fix this later)

Although she looks like she is of pure Japanese origin just from her facial features, due to her outfit she wore, she gave off an ambience of a European girl.

She was like a fairy/elf. Taiyou couldn’t help but to admire her looks.

「Want to have a go at, me?」

「no—-」

Taiyou was blushing, he felt as if the thoughts he just had of admiring her beauty was seen right through by her.

「My Mistake」

The white girl clears her throat.

「Wanna……..Fight me, huhh? 」(Note: she's talking like a yakuza)

「Is that where you're going with this?!」

「Which one do…..You think suits me better? 」

「Which—」

「So….Wanna come at me? 」

「Why are you switching the way you talk every second? No I don't want to pick a fight with you, and neither accents are good」

「If you don't want to, then. Dish out the ca-sh」

「There is no logical connection with what you just said?! Well I understand where you are coming from but! 」

Although Taiyou was shouting out, he actually knew where she was going with this.

After all Taiyou broke her beloved katana sword which was actually worth a whopping 10 million yen in their last fight.

It's natural that she would chase after him.

Taiyou pondered for a while, however it was impossible‥he definitely couldn't pay her back, but as at same time he couldn't just say no to her.

「.....I can't pay you back right now, if you could please be patient with me that would save me」

「You will re-turn, it?」

As per usual she had her own unique way of pronouncing the words, but it was obvious that the white girl was actually surprised at his willingness to pay her back.

「Aren't you the one asking me to pay for it?」

「That's also true.....But I didn't really think you'd actually want to pay me back」

「Wasn't that one of your favourite swords? You even called it "my child"」

「That is, true」

「In that case I've got no choice but to pay you back. Although I'm not sure you will be satisfied by just getting some money as compensation」

Taiyou's thoughts wandered to the save data files he had in his room on the wooden shelf and he thought about how the white girl called her sword "my child", most likely the value she had on her sword is similar to how much he valued those save files in the shelf.

「Don't worry, I still have my other child……『Reverse-Heaven Reversal』 that's why its fine」

Taiyou was pondering what she meant. He thought that she was possibly referring to her other sword the rumoured national treasure.

That was the correct answer, just as he expected, the white girl pulled out a sword with a plain wooden sheath…….from within her skirt, a place he would never expect someone to keep a sword in.

「Where the heck did that sword just come from?!」

「It comes out from here, this is the basic foundational training a beautiful girl swordsman must go through……It took me 15 years to, master it」

「Isn't there things in life to invest that is way more important than

that?! Do you even need such a skill?!」

「Indispensable. It's magic so……It's perfect for a……party trick/stunt」

「You've even planted a seed in preparation for such a thing?!」

「I want to……See your seed」

「That is totally irrelevant to the conversation, what exactly are you implying!?」

「The seed……Of your strength」 (Note: she wants to know the Origin of his strength *i.e.* Hera, but she's asking in a really sexual manner for those of you who don't get it)

「So that's what you were referring to, yes, alright! Your Japanese is totally nonsensical/a mess/ incoherent, you know that?! 」

「It's fine, rather than being a Japanese……In this day and age, it's more advantageous to be known as a foreigner」

「Do you really think people will mistake you for a foreigner?!」

In actuality Taiyou was not so sure about it himself.

「Anyways, Please let me pay you back, although you may have a

replacement for the sword, this and that is a separate issue. However. I am still a student after all, so if you could wait a little bit, I would really appreciate it. Also if you could let me pay you back in smaller instalments that would also help a lot」

「That is.....」

「Hm?」

「Even if it's not money, is that okay with you?」

「You aren't going to tell me to pay it off with my body right?!」

Recently, the amount of people who were conversing with him with ero implications/connotations was becoming a more regular occurrence, therefore he was totally on guard when she mentioned a different method of payment.

「Yeah.....That's what I'm say-ing」

「You are?!」

「But, it's not the kind of ecchi thing you're thinking, about」

「Eh? It's not? 」

「It's not.....Perhaps, you were hoping for, it? 」

「Sh—」

Taiyou's face boiled up like a crab. .....That's because there was a half-truth in what she said.

「It's regrettable, however.....It's not something, ecchi. If that's what you want, I'll take money」

「If you take money that would make it illegal, you'd get caught」

「It's safe, coincidently, I can take a bath to get rid of.....The evidence–」

「That's a totally old tradition!」

After making his grand retort, Taiyou let out three sighs in succession.

「At any rate, I will definitely pay you back even if it takes me a long time. Is that fine with you? 」

「Yeah, it's good」

He thought she was going to say something weird again, but the response that came back was really meek. "I wonder what's wrong" Taiyou thought such things as he took a quick glance at her face—.

Suddenly, Taiyou's heart beat was throbbing.

So far he had felt indifferent towards the white girl's mouth, however for some reason this time around her lips looked really soft.

He thought that her lips was extremely cute and beautiful.

.....He had a sudden impulse of wanting to embrace her.

As if she knew what he was thinking, the white girl stopped walking, she came right besides Taiyou, whom was also currently just standing still.

She extended her pure-white slender hand towards Taiyou's to feel his chest.

「You.....Are burning, up....aren't you? 」

When he relaxed his guard, she blew his mind with words that were even more obscure than before.

The three sisters who headed off towards school earlier than Taiyou did not go to class, instead they went straight up the stairs and into the rooftop. Because they were slightly flustered by the previous event, they were a little confused as to what kind of expression they should have when they next met Taiyou.

Under the blue sky, the three sisters were facing each other. Even though they've spent 16 long years in each other's company, this was the

first time their faces had been so crimson red.

「Koto-chan, Kaza-chan. The next stage, what exactly is the next stage?」(Suzu speaking)

「Don't ask us things you already know! Or more like stop thinking such strange thoughts, even I'm starting to get effected and my hearts beating so fast!」(Kotone speaking)

「If we are talking about that, Suzu-chan is also thinking about ecchi thoughts」(Kazane speaking)

「No I'm not, Kaza-chan is the one thinking the most lewdest thoughts」(Suzu speaking)

「It's true, this time around, the one thinking the lewdest thoughts is Kaza-chan」(Kotone Speaking)

「Uuuu.....」(Kazane speaking)

Kazane who was getting cornered by both her sisters could only wince.

Although she looked nothing like a high school girl, and more like a primary school girl, out of the three sisters, she was the one with the most perverted thoughts. Although all three girls were fantasising about Taiyou, Kazane was having wild delusions as to the things he would do to her "young body".

In the end, the difference was the degree of imaginations. Right now though the three sisters were in their own fantasy world, and they were expectant on what came after.

Suddenly, Kotone remembered something.

「Hey guys, when its time…….. To do it with him, what should we do? 」

Suzune and Kazane were both taken aback at Kotone's words.

Would they simultaneously do it together? Or would the three sisters receive it separately? ……Or, maybe they could just become one person‥‥‥and do it together?

「Can't we, catch him somehow……..?」

Kazane mumbled such things and Suzune and Kotone became silent.

When they were pondering what to do, the door in the rooftop made a noise and someone opened it.

When they turned around, a certain classmate with a pony tail glared at them as she made her entrance.

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Memo written about the progress at the 20th chapter

【Level】5

【Main Abilities】

Strength: 30

Charm 65535

Popularity: 0

Skill: Long Distance Immunity

【His Valuable Possessions】

Debt of around 10 million yen

A broken smart phone

One room apartment

An annoying fairy

【Brides】

Still none

【Acquaintances】

Hayakawa Kotone, Suzune and Kazane

Junishima Sakura

White Girl

【People who can see Hera】

Hayakawa Kotone, Suzune and Kazane

Chapter 21: What are the triplets trying to tell me?!

「Miyagi-san?」

The classmate whom appeared out of the half broken iron door was Miyagi Aoba. There was a peculiar accessory attached to her long pony tail as it swayed about, she walked at a brisk pace towards the three sisters with a sour look on her face.

She came close enough so that the distance could be covered by extending ones hands, she stopped in place and began to speak.

「I will get right to the point, are the rumors about you guys going out with Natsuno-kun, the truth?」

Whilst pressing for details in regards to the situation, Aoba's stern expression leaves the three sisters slightly shocked. Aoba's expression was as if she was looking at her mortal enemies, and it made Kotone flinch when she saw such a gaze.

「So what is the verdict? Or is it that you can't answer me? 」

Aoba continued her intense interrogation. The three sisters exchanged glances with one another and after deliberating amongst themselves, Kotone stepped forward to represent their thoughts.

「That's right, What has it got to do with you?」

「Are you girls, sane? Isn't it strange for three girls to be going for one man?」

「Are you……」

「What?」

「Are you, asking this for our own『Wellbeing as a third party』or is it for you own personal reasons?」

Kotone asked a question in return to Aoba's sharp questioning. At first the sisters were surprised, but when they detected animosity towards Taiyou, they became defensive.

The scene was like a feud existed between Aoba and the three sisters.

「What do you mean?」

「The meaning is that we want to know the reason as to why you are trying to corner/blame us」

「Do you have good intentions? Or are they filled with malice」

「If you are trying to help us, then we have had more than enough, thank you very much」

Although they were just going to let Kotone do all the talking, Suzune

and Kazane couldn’t hold it any longer and joined into the conversation.

「What is the meaning of this?」

「We understand your point, you want to tell us that one man should only go out with one woman, and anything beyond that is completely inappropriate. This is your point, right? 」

「In this case, let us ask you a question in return 」

「As triplets whom possess the same personality and disposition, if all three of us meet one person whom we fell in love with, what should we do?」

「Uuuu……」

Aoba flinched as she heard them keep talking, and the confidence/vigor she displayed earlier was all but gone.

「That is……Shouldn’t you think of something…….and make a decision……」

「We did, we thought it through and made a decision」

「Yeah, We decided that all three of us would go out with him」

「If by some chance we break it off, all three of us will separate with

him」

Aoba was at a loss for words, she had a face which said that she didn't expect that the three sisters would answer in such a manner.

Nevertheless that surprised expression only lasted for a fleeting moment, and her face was soon dyed with anger.

「I understand, so you think that I am just a bother right?!」

After leaving such a remark, Aoba departed from the rooftop.

「What is wrong with that person, I wonder?」

「Who knows…….She seems quite different from the person she was before」

「Yeah, I don't think she was out here to give us friendly advice, and more like it was for her own personal benefit/reasons」

「Maybe it's because she was cheated on by someone before?」

「Ahh……..That's probably it」

「You think? Well if that's the case I kind of understand. However, even so if she's using that as an excuse to pressure us I'd rather not hear it」

「Well, still it's better than hearing sales talk from a telemarketer」

Kotone said such things, and the other two nodded their heads saying "yeah, true".

「Is this where you guys where?」

Soon after Aoba had just departed, Taiyou actually showed his appearance in the entrance of the rooftop.

The boy they loved slowly walked towards them.

「Taiyou-san.....Eh? 」

「That is, is there something wrong?」

「Your cheeks, your cheeks!」

At the beginning when they first saw him the three sisters let out a beaming smile, however after looking at his cheeks.....which were really red, they began to panic and ran towards him. The three people gathered to one side and gazed at his cheeks which were faintly swollen.

「Ahh, I met Miyagi-san just a moment ago , but for some reason she gave me a slap on the cheek when I met her.」

「That girl is.....」

「Wait, I will make an objection for you」

「More like she deserves to be slapped back. Twice the amount……no three times the amount」(Note: these girls are scary (kowaidesuu)

「Guys, wait a moment」

Three sisters were trying to go out of the rooftop entrance in order to chase after Miyagi, but Taiyou calmly detained them.

「You don't have to do something like that」

「However……」

「It's really ok, truly. When she slapped me on the face she seemed like she was crying, moreover she must have her own circumstances for doing something like that, right? 」

「「「No matter her reason for doing such a thing, we can't accept it!」」」

The sisters all talked in the same exact moment in a loud voice.

Even if Taiyou himself was seemingly unperturbed by getting slapped, the girls could not consent to such an action taken against him and they had a displeased expression on their face.

「It's fine」

He repeated the same words, with a calm smile whilst watching the girls with a confident gaze. When the three girls looked into his eyes they could not help but to lose their anger as it withered away into nothingness.

For a while, Taiyou and the three sisters just looked into each other's eyes whilst on the rooftop.

Suddenly, Taiyou opened his mouth to talk.

「Hmm, may I embrace you—」

「「「Yes!」」」

The start of the school bell resounded and was heard from a long distance, an early summer breeze brushed gently over their bodies as they stood on the rooftop.

Around this time students were probably giving it their all to study within the classroom, or they may be a couple of those students who would drift off to sleep in the middle of class.

Taiyou was different, he was squatting on the floor with his back entrusted to the rooftop fence as three girls are embraced closely in his arms. The triplets as if they became a single being.....leapt at the same time into his arms whilst embracing him at the same time.

They were the prominent beautiful triplets, and they were skipping class going to the rooftop and cuddling Taiyou. The fence he was leaning on, as if telling them “enough is enough” was making creaking sounds as they were putting their whole weight on it.

「Hey guys, is my body temperature high?」

Taiyou opens his mouth and asked the three sisters a question.

「Taiyou-san’s body temperature?」

「I think that it is normal」

「Yeah, its normal…..Ah, but」

「But?」

「The warmth is……..A little different」

「Yeah, when you are holding us like this…….It feels really warm」

「Rather its quite hot」

After finishing their sentences, the three sisters all raised their gazes and looked at Taiyou’s face.

Why are you asking us such things? That's the kind of face they had.

「A little while ago someone said that to me. They said that my body temperature is really high」

The three sisters stared at each other after hearing what Taiyou said.

「Was it a girl who said it?」

「Ahh, how did you know?」

「That's cause」

Kotone was speaking and the three sisters had a wry smile on their faces.

「Taiyou-san you have the same face as the time when you first met us」

「A face that was kind of troubled and the kind of face that said "what should I do"」

「However at the same time it's a slightly happy face」

「Uuu……」

Taiyou finds himself at a loss for words. He didn't really know what to think of it himself, and what the girls told him was quite vague.

However, he was beginning to be convinced.

Although most of the things the white girl said was mysterious, maybe he really did have a high body temperature.

「Do you like this person?」

「No, I mean that is—」

「Please don't put us in the equation」

「Yeah, just think purely using your true feelings, whether you like this person or not」

「That is.....」

Just like the three sisters told him to do, Taiyou began to think about the white girl in his mind.

Her hair which was long enough to reach the back of her knees, looks which were like a pure Japanese girl, white transparent skin. In addition as if she was hiding her beautiful white skin, she wore a black lace dress.

He thought long and hard as to exactly what he thought of her.... however.

「Ah……」

「What went wrong?」

「I……Haven’t got a hold of her name」

Taiyou finally realized such a thing.

After noticing this, he tried to recall in great detail the first time they met and the events which took place.

He was first overwhelmed with her killing intent, then she wanted to stab him, then he broke her sword.

Then he met her again, she demanded payment, and she touched his face.

After piling up the episodes together, he understood that she was not an ordinary person, she was an expert in using the sword and was a little strange in her ways of speaking, when he thought about it again, she never really introduced herself and he never really asked for her name either.

「What have you done……」

「You don’t know the other party’s name」

「And even then you were still anxious about her, right?」

「It's the kind of situation where you ride on the same train with her to school but never get the courage to approach her, right?」

The three sisters continued to speculate the situation.

Even though they were currently being held in his arms, the three sisters were seemingly able to talk enjoyably about another woman that he was thinking about.

They were not angry or discouraged, more so than that it would seem like they were having fun whilst discussing such an issue.

It felt like, they were children discussing some sort of school trip for tomorrow.

This made Taiyou perplexed.

「Hey guys, aren't you angry?」

「「「Angry?」」」

「I mean……The fact that I'm thinking about another girl, aren't you guys bothered? 」

To Taiyou's question, the three girls smiled like they were prepared for

the question.

How can they laugh in such a carefree manner, this made Taiyou perplexed/confused.

「Umm, You didn't hear our previous exchange with each other so you probably would think like this」

「Koto-chan that's not really correct, even if he heard our conversation, at most he would probably understand half of what we said」

「I guess, since we were mainly communicating using our thoughts」

Hearing the three girls talk amongst themselves, Taiyou became even more confused.

If he didn't hear their conversation he would have no idea, and even if he did listen to what they were saying, he probably couldn't catch the complete meaning. Because he wasn't there when they conversed he was becoming more clueless.

Seeing such a Taiyou, the three sisters slipped out of his arms with a smile on their faces.

「「「It was our, childhood dream to make a harem!」」」

They all talked at the same wavelength, without faltering in the slightest as they declared their ambitions.

Chapter 22: Harem Wild Goose Chase

Taiyou was alone in the rooftop, and he was trying to gather experience.

He was holding the jacket that Hera specifically told him to bring before he left the house.

He wore the jacket, took it off, dropped it on the floor and picked it up.

Additionally he put it on, took it off again, subsequently drops it and as expected he picks it up again.

To a person whom didn't really know what the heck was going on, if they saw his actions, they would clearly think he went nuts, he repeated such a tedious action innocently and continuously.

「Taiyou-chan, Taiyou-chan, it's about to be noon desuyo～」

「Ahh, I know」

Pasa, Syuru, Pasa. (Sound of clothes rustling)

「Taiyou-chan, Taiyou-chan, your experience points have exceeded 10% desuyo～」

「Ahh, I know」

Pasa, Syuru, Pasa. (Sound of him taking off clothes etc.)

「Taiyou-chan, Taiyou-chan The truth is I am a virgin desuyo～」

「Ahh, I know」

Pasa, Syuru, Pasa.

「This is a serious issue desu……What should I do so he stops ignoring me desu? 」

Hera seems to be rambling on about something in the background, however none of the contents/specifics of what she said actually got into Taiyou's head.

This is because, his head was currently filled with the conversation he just had with the three sisters.

—-It was part of their childhood dreams, to create a harem.

It was a sentence which truly blew his mind away.

The girls didn't speak as if they were forced to say such things, more like it was as if they were honestly enjoying the conversation and speaking in high spirits. Although many would say that women have a

naturally talent in acting since they were born, the three sisters were by no means performing an act, they were passionately discussing how they could achieve their dreams.

They seriously wanted to create a harem, moreover it was not a reverse harem, it was the kind of harem that was made up of only one man.

If the person saying such things were a guy, that would be fine. Or even if the person that was saying it was an ero elder-sister type character with an eye patch, he could understand it. (Note: I think it's referring to this eye patch onee-san)

However, because it was the three sisters who said it, it exceeded the boundaries of his comprehension.

In other words, right now Taiyou was baffled.

「Uwaa, Taiyou-chan, Taiyou-chan, it would seem that there is someone aiming at you with a sniper from a long distance desuyo〜!」

He was able to understand a little of last night's events.

They were identical triples. They are people whom share the same genes, another way to put it is they are like SF clones.

(Note: SF = science fiction)

Therefore, if they liked the same person……There would be no other choice but to go out with that person at the same time.

He could understand their logic up to this far.

「You are being shot at! Taiyou-chan someone is shooting you desuyo! They are firing at your head in rapid succession desuyo! Eh, why are you still keeping your cool!?」

But, this was at best the most he could deduce from listening to the three sisters talk.

In Taiyou's heart, he could not understand the reasoning behind the girls wanting to create a harem for him. When he asked them, for an explanation, all the girls did was smile at him without saying anything as they returned to the school building.

And Taiyou whom was left behind to ponder, worried endlessly whilst repeating his tedious work.

「Oh that must be it! Taiyou-chan has the long range immunity skill desu! Even if a nuclear missile was launched at him or even if an Ebola virus was thrown at him, he wouldn't even falter, he has the ultimate skill desu～. It can't be helped, then I shall do this desu～! 」

「Haa, truthfully this is what he deserves for ignoring me!」

Suddenly, the lower half of his body……specifically, intense pain ran though his crotch area.

Pain so intense it felt like his internal organs were being hit directly. Taiyou suppresses his hands between his groins and crouched to the ground.

With cold sweat dripping down his face and his eyes tearing up slightly he looked up towards Hera. There, he saw Hera's face which was elated/proud.

「Y, you……Wha……」

「Finally you noticed me desu～, Mouu, you can't drift off into space whilst I am talking with you desuyo～」

「Still…….What are you…….」?

「Taiyou-chan has long range immunity that's why, There was no other choice but to kick you desuyo～. Also, you aren't allowed to do that, ignoring people whom has been talking with you for a long time～」

「In order for me to notice……You, couldn't you have just slapped me in the cheeks…..?」

He held his groins, whilst fighting against the intense/acute pain to make a complaint to Hera.

「Next time I shall do that then desu～」

Hera says this without being shy.

「Please.....Don't forget」

Suddenly, Taiyou notices something rolling in front of his eyes. To him it looked like a pile of crushed metal, Taiyou had never seen such a thing before.

Moreover when he reached out to get it...

「That's a rifle sniper bullet desu, Taiyou-chan was being sniped desuyo〜」

「.....Ha? 」

「Like-I-Said-, you were being sniped desu. Looking at the direction it's coming from, I think it's probably from that building over there? 」

「I was being sniped? In that case why.....」

Taiyou was going to finish his sentence but then he became startled. He remembered that he possessed the skill「Long Distance Immunity」.

As he was enduring the agonizing pain between his groins, he slowly stood back up and the bullet was taken into his hands.

「Did it hit me?」

「It was a beautiful headshot desu～」

Listening to Hera's words, he instinctively rubbed his forehead. However, he felt no pain around his head nor was there even a trace/mark of him being shot at.

He was completely and utterly saved by his skill.

Taiyou stood at his full height. In normal circumstances a person who hide and crouch down, however he was able to confirm that no one was approaching the roof top or that any short distance attacks were coming at him, therefore he boldly stood up.

And he stared into the direction where Hera said the bullet came from.

「Is it there?」

In the direction he was looking at there was a particularly tall building. It was a 50 story building called the twin building, it stood at 200 meters tall and was one of the more famous/popular places in town.

Judging from the situation and the direction of the bullet, he deducted that the sniper was likely positioned on top of the building.

And, towards the opponent who shot at him—.

「It was probably……Junishima Sakura's thugs, right? 」

「Yes～」

「Are the girls okay?」

「They are fine desu, they are attending class as per usual desuyo～」

He couldn't really explain the logic behind it but, right after Taiyou shared a kiss with the three sisters, the girls became able to see Hera.

Not only that, even if they were apart, Hera has become able to have a sense/feel if they were to be in any danger. And after hearing that they were safe and sound, Taiyou could calm down his heart for the time being.

「Nevertheless, I know that I've become a hindrance towards their objectives.....But I would have never thought they would be aiming for my life」

「Back then, they were only aiming for your hands and feet desune～」

「Ahh.....Now then, how should we handle this」

Taiyou was thinking.

Whilst he in the middle of thinking, something seemed to hit his forehead as it dropped harmlessly to the ground.

When he gripped it using his hands, it was the same bullet which was shot at him like a little while ago.

「I understand, With my Long distance immunity, let alone feeling any pain, there isn't even any damage. It totally bends the current laws of physics and erases it.....I wonder if it works the same way against bombs? Or what about radiation emission or flame throwers, will they also be ineffective towards me? 」

「Taiyou-chan, Taiyou-chan, You should do your analysis of your abilities later desuyo～」

「Ahh, that's true」

Once again, he looked towards the direction of the sniper and stared at the building.

That being said, he didn't really have any brilliant ideas up his sleeves.

The things he had was his physical strength which was able to crush concrete walls like they were tofu, and his strongest defensive skill which could make him immune to any long distance attacks.

If all he had to do was protect himself, then he could bluff his way and scare them off, however if he had to protect the three sisters, and make his opponents give up, this was something he was not yet able to do with his current abilities.

「Hey, If I continue doing this, will I be able to gain a new skill?」

He held the jumper/jacket and asked Hera.

「No you won't desu～, skills can only be obtained in multiples of five desuyo～」

「Although it's easy to understand.....But is that how it is? 」

「Taiyou-chan, Taiyou-chan, I have a good idea desu～」

「.....For now I guess I'll listen to it, what is it? 」

「Slip into their headquarters, Become matchless and KAIMETSU desuyo～」(Note: KAIMETSU is annihilate/destroy, she's telling him to destroy their base of operations)

「As if I could do that?! If I make a mistake, I could be knocked out in a single punch, and killed right on the spot you know?!」

Even now his groins was still pulsating and he was still in a lot of pain.

Living with the existence known as Hera for these past couple of days, he was able to figure out that her physical strength did not match how small her appearance was. Furthermore, receiving such a blow from her, he was able to feel such an intense amount of pain and this reinforced the belief that his short distance fighting capabilities weren't the best. If he were to take a big risk and try to challenge their headquarters, he could already predict that he would swiftly be surrounded and defeated.

「It's impossible to try and fight them head on, also persuading them is.....」

「The laws of persuasion is ineffective?」

「What you just said has nothing to do with battle you know?! Well, persuading those using words is useless, and I don't really know where their base is located, neither do I have the means to search for such information」

「Eh? If you want to search for their base I have a way desuyo〜? 」

Hera looked vacant and she spoke those words as if it was the most natural thing in the world.

「What do you mean?」

「Yadanaa〜(oh dear), Taiyou-chan it's still 10000 years to 2000 years too early for you to become senile desuyo〜?」

「Please speak in a time range where it actually applies to humans!..... No besides that, you said that you have a way? What could it be? 」

「Yes 〜, we can just depend on that child. The black child」

「Muu.....」

Listening to Hera, Taiyou had a doubtful look across his face.

Arashi Nikaido :

She is bisexual and very sexually aggressive, claiming she has had over 30 lovers, thus gaining the nickname "The Predator". However, later in the story she decides to peacefully break up with her lovers in order to make the Student Council into her harem.

Chapter 23: Ta - dah!

「This……Must I really do something like this? 」

Taiyou grabbed the『Contact Details Memo』of the white girl out of his pocket whilst alternating looks between the piece of paper and Hera. Taiyou had a sour expression on his face.

「Yes～, If you call out to her as per the instructions written on that piece of paper, no matter when or where she is, that black child will come running towards you」

「Iya, I know she said such things but……..This kind of thing is just….」

「Give up desu～, Taiyou-chan is the one at fault for leaving his smart phone broken and not getting a new one desu～」

「uuuuu……..」

Taiyou was at a loss for words, and he understood how powerless he was right now.

He looked towards what was written on the Memo and had to think for a while.

This『Contact Details Memo』was currently, his only shot at being able to contact the white girl and depend on her much needed help」

If he wanted to accomplish his objectives this was probably the most efficient way… however there was something he needed to do to get her to come here.

「I guess it can't be helped…..I've got no choice but to do it」

Taiyou steels himself, he remember the contents of the memo and put it away into his pocket.

And then he stood shoulder width apart, and took a deep breath in—-.

「Yo, Yo, Yoyo. Yo, Yo, Yoyo. Your mother has a protruding navel, your father is a pop-eyed goldfish. Heheyy ei ei, Hoho ho〜, Hehei ei, Hoho Ho〜」

As recorded exactly in the memo, Taiyou burst into a dance whilst singing out.

「……」

「……」

Hyuuuuoooooo. (Sound of the wind passing by speechlessly)

An uncharacteristically cold wind passes by the rooftop in this summer season.

「This ain't working at all is it?!」

Without thinking he switched to talking in a Kansai Dialect.

「how strange desune～ it didn't seem like she was telling us a lie desu～」

「In the first place, will someone really appear just because of saying these things? And what is wrong with this dance? Is she trying to make me summon some sort of evil god? 」

「Evil spirits.....Disperse, begon-e」

「Uwaa!」

「Ohh, it's amazing desu, I didn't even feel her approach desu～」

Taiyou was completely caught off guard, Hera who was showing her admiration.

The voice was heard from the other side of the door. He didn't really know when she arrived but the white girl was already standing on the rooftop high fence.

She was standing on her tiptoes in a narrow footing as the wind blew her long white hair and made it flutter.

This is indeed‥‥an extravagant way to appear。

「—tsu!」

Taiyou turned his eyes away.

The girl was standing above him on the fence. She was wearing a skirt lace dress and a ring garter belt that barely covered her hips, that area between the top of her thighs and her knees was exposed generously.

Because she was standing, Taiyou panicked and averted his eyes as it seemed that he would be able to look at her most interior parts otherwise.

「What’s, wrong?」

「N, no, it’s nothing. More importantly, I didn’t expect you to actually appear」

「Physical Limits」

「Eh?」

「It is because, there is, distance?」

「No, I mean you made me do such a weird summoning ritual, you

might as well use a teleportation/warp skill and appear instantly」

「That is, not yet, possible」

「Not yet?!」

「If I train for three hours a day……For a period of three years……it's a possibility」

「Ohh～, It's the Brazen Cat Formula desune～」(Note: Hera actually says the 機械猫方式 which literally translates to Machine Cat Method. I believe this is a reference to "Doraemon" as the manga was originally conceived by Hiroshi Fujimoto following a series of "three" events feel free to correct me if I'm wrong :D)

In the other direction‥‥‥Hera talked as if she could relate to what was just said and was filled with admiration。Naturally the white girl couldn't hear what Hera said so she didn't actually respond back.

Because the small talk seemed to have no end he stopped it there, and Taiyou wanted to get down to business.

「The truth is, my main reason for calling you here is because I have something important to ask of you」

「Wh-at, is it?」

The white girl adorably tilts her head and Taiyou began to explain the

gist of the story.

The fact that he had just been sniped a few moments ago, that he suspected it was Junishima's group who targeted him, and in order for him to do something about it, he wanted to discover their base of operations.

He summed up such things and explained it to the white girl.

「I understand」

「And, I thought that you whom, once worked with them would know something?」

「You want me to, betray.....Them? 」

「Uu」

「Even though I may look like this.....I am a pr-o. If I betray someone after taking on a contract.....It becomes a trust is-sue」

「.....」

Her way of talking was still peculiar, but her eyes were resolute.

Consequently, Taiyou falls silent. He couldn't really understand how she was actually feeling, however he could understand the reasoning behind

her words.

「Is that so, well in that case I won't insist any longer—」

「However, my contract/request has been, cut」

「Are you serious?!」

It was like he dropped to hell and he saw a spiders thread that could help pull him out of the abyss, he immediately grabbed at it.

「That is, if I receive a new mission」

「In that case I'll do it, Please lend me your power」

「Is that alright? I am, a really expensive woman, you know? 」

「Please restrain yourself when making such a statement! Wait, what I meant to say is, exactly how expensive……are we talking about here? 」
(Note: Taiyou is complaining to the double meaning of "Expensive Woman" and tells her to be mindful of her words)

Taiyou was really timid as he asked her this question.

「Hourly wage……41667……Yen」

「That's expensive! Or more like what's with that incomplete figure?!」

「Daily Wage, is one million yen, that's why……」(Note: 41667 x 24 = 1,000,008)

「Is that how is it and is that the standard wage? Or is that actually really cheap? 」

「That is……..It depends on each situation. It's a really, specialized……line of work. Moreover, the supply is low, so it follows the market theory」

「I understand」

「That's why, I , overcharged, you」

「You are overcharging me?!」

「I'm exhilarated」

「I can tell!」

Taiyou keeps getting mind blown.

He didn't really know how to react, her expression was completely blank and he did not know if she was making fun of him or if she was being serious. When speaking to her, Taiyou felt that the conversation always seemed to go in a confusing manner and that the pace was in disarray.

Normally Taiyou is a coolheaded person whom doesn't easily get affected by others and would be able to respond calmly, however every time he talked with this girl, he would get sucked into her pace and would inevitably raise his voice.

Even now, that is exactly what happened. Taiyou recited in his own mind "calm down, calm down, me".

「What should we do Taiyou-chan, should we ask for her help desuka?」

The white girl couldn't see Hera, and Hera was asking for Taiyou's decision.

Taiyou thought for a little.....However, in reality he didn't really have any other choices.

Even though right now, the girls haven't been captured by the "devils hands".

However, when he thought about the special characteristics the girls had, there was no way that Sakura's group would ever let them go and he understood that one day, things may go awry if he didn't solve the problem at its roots.

Therefore, before his opponent's made a plan and came at him, he thought it would be better to go to them unexpectedly and get rid of them in one fell swoop.

「I beg of you, Please lend me your strength」

The view of the city could be seen from the school rooftop, on the other side of the Meguro River there was a town. It was the town known as Ohashi.

Taiyou slipped out of school, and both he and the white girl were walking on the bridge towards Ohashi.

「And this place we are going is it their base of operations?」

「rather than base.....It's more like a Daimyos Mansion.....」

「Daimyo's Mansion?」

Taiyou was slightly dubious when he heard such an old-fashioned term come out.

「Yeah, It's the Junishima, Feudal Lord Mansion」

「What is that?」

「If I explain.....It will take too long. Go look it up on the, internet」

「.....I understand」

Taiyou decided that he would find out more about it once he repaired

his smart phone. The fact that the white girl suggested him to do such a thing, must mean that the information is readily available on the net, right?

「So Junishima's group is located at that place?」

「Most likely……In this city, it is their headquarters」

「I see」

「More important, by going there……What do you plan to accomplish? 」

「……How, strong are you exactly? 」

「That's not fair, you asked a question to my question」

「I want to understand your capabilities as much as possible, for the purpose of realistically implementing my plans」

Hearing Taiyou's words the white girl seemed to be convinced as she murmured "is that so?" she had a thoughtful look on her face.

「My battle power is……139」

「I don't really understand what that standard means!」

「For somebody garbage.....The standard is a, 5」

「So that's the standard?! ——doesn't that mean you are ridiculously strong?!」

「She's not just a lewd grandpa desune～」(Note: Hera is referring to the fact that she always unintentionally (or is it intentionally?) makes dirty jokes)

Hera whom was floating buoyantly on the side of the two people made her own remark.

「Your words, how much of it can I trust?」

「If you believe in me.....That would help me, a lot」

「So you are asking me to believe in you, well alright. We shall go with the assumption that it's true.....Oh yeah, I have one last thing to ask」

Taiyou clapped his hands together. He was on the brink of forgetting something important, luckily he recalled it.

「Please tell me your name」

He had forgotten to ask her many times before, and he finally asked for her name. The girl was surprised for a moment and then she turned her face away.

「I’m not going……To tell you」

Chapter 24: When you undress it's amazing (I couldn't say it was amazing)

Taiyou was staring blankly.

Until now he hadn't asked for her name so it couldn't be helped, however, now that he specifically asked for her name, why was it that she didn't want to tell him?

「You aren't going to tell me?」

「A long time ago……Girls. Only told someone their names……..during the night of their wedding」

「Ahh, I suppose there was a period in time where a woman's name wasn't called out so frivolous/thoughtlessly. Because of that though, there were plenty of famous people whose names did not go down in history」

「Hideyoshi's wife…….For example? 」

「That's one of the prime examples. By the way, what do you prefer to call her? 」

「Nene…….-chan」

(TL: Here is a cute pic of Hideyoshi's Waifu: Nene)

「You're adding a -chan to the end of her name? Well I also prefer Nene, it has a really cute/lovely ring to it after all」

「I am a firm believer of the One name desuyo～」(TL: Nene was also known as One, Nemoji and Kōdai-in)

Hera tried to join in the tense conversation, but as it stood, the white girl couldn't see her and Taiyou was ignoring her.

「Well no matter the case, calling your name as “you” all the time is awkward, so if you have something else you would preferred to be called please let me know」

With that being said, the white girl thought for a little while.

「In that case……Call me by, 『Oi』」

「Oi Kora!」(TL: Hey! / Interjection meant to scold or reprove someone, or can also mean “dear”)

「Yes, my darl-ling……?」(TL: Anata can mean “you” or in this case, “dear” (what a wife calls a husband).

「That’s not the meaning I was referring to! I wasn’t calling you “dear”! So are you really fine with just being called “you”? 」

After this was said, the white girl thought for even longer.

「Yeah……It may have been too rash, of me. Well…….Call me, 『Shirokiyami』

This time she finally answered……It was the kind of name an adolescent person would come up with when they thought they heard something cool. For her whom had this peculiar way of speaking, she was actually able to pronounce this name relatively well.

At least, she seemed accustomed to saying this name, this I could tell.

「Shirokiyami–.....Well I suppose I understand」(TL: Shirokiyami = the white dark)

Taiyou had a bittersweet smile.

Indeed, she had really pale white skin which didn't get enough sunlight, contrasted with her jet black lace dress and lacquer black over knee socks. Even the ring garter belt that ties it all together is a black laced colored one.

Shirokiyami, regardless of the fact that she made this name up or not, the name definitely suits how she displays her figure/appearance.

「That is.....My code name. One portion.....of the name is really famous, more so than my real name」

「Having a code name or part of a code name, asking the origins of such a name is quite a scary thing」

Taiyou shrugs his shoulders and lets out a wry smile.

The fact that she lives an abnormal life is something that he can no longer doubt, this he experienced firsthand.

No, from the first moment he met her, it's safe to say he already knew this fact.

Human beings all have a general atmosphere/feeling about them, from the way they interact with the environment and their natural actions. From the first moment Taiyou had met her she was able to let out an extreme killing intent.....For an instant it could wrap around your whole body and suffocate your existence, it was the kind of thing that a normal human being could not put out.

If words like「The Underground Community」or「The Underworld」were to come out of her mouth, Taiyou would not be least bit surprised.

「I understand, then from now on that's what I will refer to you by」

「It will also be fine, if you'd like to call me, Yami-chan」

「I'm afraid god will get angry if I do that so I will pass on that」

「Or you can refer to me as something that sounds similar, to, it」

As she said this, Shirokiyami's face was blushing pink.

「I'm not going to do it! I ain't going to call you by Cunni four times in a row」(TL: クニ I think this is referring to Cun-nil-lingus)

Whilst continuing their incoherent conversations the two people head over to Hirose Ohashi.

When they first met they were meeting as enemies, however now, such

a thing cannot be seen at all when you looked at them. She lacks emotional ups and downs, In addition, her words are usually interposed with jokes so it was really hard to get the real meaning/intent. However this didn't really make Taiyou think less of her.

He was able to keep composed most of the time, however, sometimes the things she said was enough to get his heart throbbing really fast.

Therefore, although the conversations he had with her were usually superficial, and Taiyou would often think that it was ridiculous to the point of absurdity, deep inside/secretly, Taiyou was actually having a lot of fun.

Just like that, they conversed on their way to Hiroshise Ohashi, as they set foot on the upscale residential area in Seikasono Town. They arrived at an area where Taiyou rarely visited, as Shirokiyami was continuing to guide his path.

「We are about to.....arrive」

「Is that so?」

At her words, Taiyou suddenly began to feel a little tense/nervous.

「Let me confirm one last time. You really have a power level of 139 and is as strong as the Turtle Grandpa, is this right?」(TL: as previously contributed by Luan (Thanks Luan), the Turtle Grandpa is most definitely referring to Master Roshi from DBZ ahahahha~)

「Approximately……Around, there」

「I understand. Next is about me……」

Taiyou was again, analyzing the information of his own strengths within his own head. The voice of Shirokiyami interrupts him.

「Your……Power level, is unknown. You are much stronger, than you look」

Taiyou just let out a bitter smile, and became silent without answering. The strength he obtained was after all from Hera whom had given him the ability to Level Up in real life. This was a power that exceeded common sense, and most definitely was a power that couldn't be measured just by looking at appearance.

「If purely basing it on looks……..Fighting Power, is 4」

「I'm below garbage?!!」

「……..Fine, I'll give you 5 then」

「Oi, That barely means I am on the same level as garbage! No if you wanna say it like that, you also don't look that strong you know」

「That……Isn't true. If I undress/strip, I'm amazing」

「Exactly what are you referring to as "Amazing"?!」

It was Taiyou's usual retort to her absurd statements, however this time around, unlike previously, she actually look a little depressed.

「I trained it too much.....It's a, body, that doesn't resemble anything womanly」

「.....It doesn't seem like that to me」

Taiyou said this as a passing comment. To Taiyou, her body was splendidly ・・・・womanly.

He did not want to see her depressed expression, and he wanted to cheer her up.

However, the second part of the words did not come out of his mouth. What should he say first, in what way? Taiyou had absolutely no experience in giving compliments to girls and couldn't understand what to do.

Without being able to say anything, they proceeded to their destination in silence. From the back Hera was saying「Taiyou-chan you are incompetent/good-for-nothing nanodesu～」, but Taiyou himself, also thought that he was pathetic and he couldn't say anything in return.

「We, arrived」

「By here you mean?.....Oi oi」

Shirokiyami and Taiyou both stopped their footsteps and what Taiyou saw was……Something which made his eye's pop. It exists from the T junction, the residence that had been surrounded by a high wall security fence that was adjoined from the right to the left respectively that spanned over 100 meters in diameter. From the front a fortress like gate that was huge stood in place, most likely there were camera's set up in place in order to determine whom their guest was before opening the door.

「This is Junishima's Feudal Lord Mansion」

「That such a huge building existed so close to me……I didn't even know it. Since I was a child, I used to come here often to play」

「Normal people won't be able to find this place……As they will be prevent from passing」

「I see」

Well then, Taiyou thought about what he was going to do from here on out.

First of all, he wanted to determine his opponent's location, so he got Shirokiyami to guide him. And now he has finally arrived safely to the location, but truthfully he didn't really have a clue as to what he was going to do after.

Would it really be a good choice to do what Hera said, and just totally

annihilate them?

(Well that would after all be the most effective choice, however...)

Taiyou always tries to decide his goals, and then he would go over the options that had the highest chance of making it into a success.

In this scenario he had two main goals, 1. To stop them from trying to snipe/assassinate him, and 2. To stop them from trying to kidnap the three sisters. Only these two things.

If he acted just like Hera has suggested and he tried to wipe them out, will he really be able to achieve his goals?

If he did such a thing, he didn't really mind the fact that it was a little unreasonable, but if it didn't really achieve his goals then it would have no meaning in just destroying their base.

「What's, wrong?」

Shirokiyami was quietly staring at him as she asked.

「Weren't you going to just, kill, them.....All? 」

「No no, I don't think I've ever mentioned anything like that?」

「If you do, it will be, easier」

「Even If I were to take such an extreme measure, I won't be killing anyone, at the most, all I will do is defeat them」

「Leaving the root of the problem……Is, not, good」

「No, no no」

Taiyou had a bitter smile, as expected hearing a phrase as brutal as "Kill everyone" provided too much stimulus for him.

「By the way, I'm just asking but, do you think we can capture the person named Sakura?」

「If it's dead or alive, possibly」

「Why are you able to say such things so fluently?! —more like you can't speak like that, we need to capture them alive! 」

「……Only, if you, give me, a bon-us」

「I'll pay you just like we agreed!」

Taiyou answered un-hesitantly.

The appearance of Sakura's figure crossed his mind. Although she was his enemy, he didn't want to think of her as being dead or alive.

Shirokiyami, pulled out her Japanese sword (the one with the plain wooden sheath) and takes it out from among her lacey skirt, she advanced ahead one step towards the door.

「Hera」

Taiyou talks in a whisper to the fairy whom is flying by his side.

「Yes. What is it desuka～? 」

「From here on out, The direction I am looking at and my blind spot……..In other words please cover my rear. If you see something approaching me from behind please let me know immediately」

「Roger～ nanodesu!」

Hera salutes and flew straight behind him.

Physical strength that cannot be imagined just from his external appearance, and the skill『Long Range immunity』He thought that was all the weapons he had under his arsenal, however he realized that he could make use of something else as well.

It was Hera.

Excluding the three Hayakawa sister's whom kissed Taiyou, there was no other person capable of seeing her appearance right now, and

furthermore she was an existence that couldn't be touched/hurt by others. Taiyou realized that she was also a part of his arsenal to gather info.

If he used her well, then she may well be his wild card (AKA joker).

For now the first task he gave her was to supplement his blind spot and warn him of any dangers.

「They came, out」

Shirokiyami spoke. When he turned to face her, the huge gate opened, and a surge of black clothed men came out from the other side of the residence in quick succession.

From amongst the mass of men, there stood out a peculiar existence like a flower that bloomed in the wilderness.

Junishima Sakura, In accordance with her order's the enemy gradually approaches.

Chapter 25: Bird in a Cradle

Junishima.

It is an isolated/solitary island located on the side of the Sea of Japan. If compared to the two major Islands of Okinawa and Sado, it is ranked third in terms of how wide/large it is.

On the one side, Junishima Island was quite a famous place for being a “village” that actually had a population of one million people.

From a geographic point of view, since it has been recorded in history, the period where Junishima Island escaped the influence of the Japanese Imperial Court is rare, similarly the period in which the island was put under the complete rule of the Court is also rare. Whilst they were submitting their self to the Japanese Imperial Court, at the same time, they were also building their original political power, this is the place known as Junishima Island.

Even now the Junishima Clan rules over the island, and various original laws have been enacted, it was a region with a certain kind of extraterritorial rights.

Amongst the many possessions that the Junishima Clan has within the mainland, the Junishima Feudal Lord Mansion located in Seikasono Town is one where several men from the clan had gathered.

Even there reception hall spanned over 30 meters squared. When

entering there would be four men and four women standing in wait for guests. Three people would be kneeling on the side in a straight line waiting to fix the collars of those who entered, and there was a person sitting on the head seat which was on the other side of a bamboo blind.

Although the figure can't clearly be distinguished due to being behind the bamboo blind, the silhouette is like a woman.

Her name is Junishima Youran, A very important person within the Junishima clan, she is a woman whom is going to become their next clan head for the next term.

Next to her, a man with glasses and who looked sharp and intellectual was sitting on her left, his name was Junishima Kaizen, and he started to make an announcement.

「I will go over the Teresa plan right now. If we take into account the reality of Naburu Minaogawa and the transmigration of Meme Onagawa, the plan should be able to proceed accordingly. Therefore, we will now be advancing to plan the next stage and the extra budget—」

「Kaizen」

Interrupting his word, is a woman of middle age who sits in the center. Her looks to be around fifty and it is being concealed due to the application of heavy makeup……However, due to the excessiveness of the makeup, it actually accentuated her aging and is counterproductive.

She…….is Junishima Tsubaki, one of the pillars of the Junishima clan with

heavy influence/authority in the clan matters.

Although they were both influential, the difference between the older woman (Tsubaki) and the younger one (Kaizen) in terms of authority is as big as the heaven and the earth.

「Tsubaki-sama……」(Kaizen speaking)

「You are only permitted to attend this meeting in order report the findings, was I mistaken? 」

A rotten voice that sticked to you like a gooey substance resounded from the old woman, Kaizen immediately endured the feeling of nausea with a jerk as he lowered his head and bowed deeply.

「It is just like you said」

「In that case, I would like you to refrain from any action that is unexpected ever again, is that clear?」(Tsubaki is referring to how Kaizen was about to talk about his next plan, instead of ending the report)

「……Yes」

「Was that the end of the report?」

「……It was the end」

「Then, the next person is Sakura. The Blood Soul plan I have entrusted you with, how is that proceeding? 」

「Yes」

The woman who sat on the opposite side, of the one who just objected. She had a Chignon hairstyle and a tight skirt suit, and a voluptuous pair of knockers/boobies, she was Junishima Sakura.

There is a ranking in each of the working class amongst the clan, and different to the older woman, Sakura was in a position that was destined to be hopeless.

Youran was the child of the legitimate present Clan Head, whereas Sakura was only a child born from a mistress.....She was an illegitimate child.

In the long history of the Junishima Clan an illegitimate child and or the concubine's child has never rose to power or obtained any power. In other words, no matter how good her accomplishments become or how she tries to raise up in rankings, within her whole life, she is destined to only serve the Junishima family and will be blocked from ever ascending to a position of importance.

Sakura answered Tsubaki's question with a sour expression as if she was an insect that was about to be crushed.

「We are currently approaching the plan from two different directions. The first is as usual making use of the eternally little as an experimental

body, this particular project is going as planned」

「Is that so? And, what of the other plan? 」

「It is scheduled that we will be securing the three specimens as material in the next few days. We will then be proceeding with the experiment afterwards—」

「According to my desires」

Although Sakura wasn't even finished with her explanation, it was already being disregarded.

「Are the other specimens really necessary to experiment on? Isn't it fine even if we just proceeded as usual and experiment with the eternally little specimen? You said that, the plan proceeding as scheduled, isn't that right? 」

「That is.....Yes」

「In that case, don't worry about the unnecessary things. Besides the other party is just a bunch of "old housemaids", they are replaceable existences, no matter how many die as a result of the experiments we can just replace them easily. There is no need to spare any resources」

「.....」

Sakura, becomes silent and doesn't answer. She wanted to say

something back, but she was unable to do so, instead she dug her finger nails into the tatami mat and endured.

「What is the reason on your persistence with finding another method? Just say it, speak your mind」

Tsubaki said this whilst she was snuffing out in contempt and looking at Sakura in a deplorable way.

「You, if you don't get your act together, you won't be able to live up to ･･･ the expectations of the new moon-sama, this is a very shameful thing —-」(Tsubaki speaking)

「Tsubaki-sama」

This time Kaizen was the one interrupting Tsubaki.

「What is it?」

「With all due respect. How is it that you would be able to know the idea's/thoughts, of a being as important as New Moon-sama」(TL: 新月様 not sure what this is.....)

Kaizen said this as he stared at Tsubaki. Tsubaki gave him a peculiar glance of a stringy middle-aged woman, and returned a disgusting smile whilst scowling back at Kaizen.

If someone could visualize it, the two people would have fireworks

spitting out of their eyes as they glared at each other in contempt. Amongst the clan members these two people had a really bad relationship like: cats and dogs. Kaizen has ambitions in rising through the ranks one day and will one day attempt to overtake Tsubaki's position.

The two people remained in that position for a little white, but before long, perhaps Tsubaki lost her patience and she broke eye contact.

「I suppose, someone of my caliber would be unable to represent such an honored being. However, Sakura」(Tsubaki Speaking)

Whilst continuing to glare at Kaizen, Tsubaki spoke to Sakura.

「Unable to accomplish the simple task you were assigned, is after all going to be a deplorable thing isn't it?」

「.....Yes, I understand」

「Yes. Well I won't ask exactly what it is that you understand. That's because, I'm sure you understand‥‥‥the consequences of failure」

Tsubaki said this with a stiff expression.

Afterwards, the reports were finished and the meeting was adjourned.

Sakura whom was leaving the reception hall, boiled up in anger and blushed like an octopus. Without needing to say, this is because of

Tsubaki's constant threats that were thrown at her.

「That……..Old Bitch! 」

The amount of people who hated the existence known as Tsubaki was plenty abound within the clan, Sakura was also one of those people. It was true that Sakura was also involved in a power struggle, however it was a fact that she also purely disliked this woman named Tsubaki.

「However……..The words the hag said also had some truth to it. Starting a new project yet being unable to put out any results is….」

As she was thinking such things, the figure of the three sisters and the figure of the young boy who protected them floated in her mind.

The only reason the plan was not going as she planned was solely because of the young boy obstructing her. If she was able to somehow get him out of the way, the results would be favorable immediately.

First I must think of a way to deal with him……..As Sakura was thinking about these things, a young man's voice could be heard calling her from the back.

「Sakura-sama, I have a report to make」

When she turned around, a young man whom was her subordinate was standing there. Sakura immediately rebuild her state of mind, and listened to the report of her subordinate.

「.....What is it? 」

「The man in question, Natsuno Taiyou is coming towards us」

「He is?」

Her calm expression wavered just a little bit. The young boy she was just thinking about, the one that put her in this difficult situation. By no means did she ever expect/imagine the fact that he would of his own accord come towards her domain.

「What has he come here for?」

「I don't know, he is still just outside out front gate」

「.....At any rate, we must drive him away」

「Ummm.....That is」

The man was reticent, as if he still had something to say, it made Sakura frown and pucker up her eyebrows.

「What's wrong?」

「That is.....There is a particular image that we captured from our camera's....」

The man had eyes filled with fear.

「『Shirokiyami』she is also with him」

「—tsu!!」(Surprise)

The moment that name was mentioned, Sakura's face started to clearly shake/tremble.

Sakura came out of the mansion, and the image she presented was the same appearance she had previously when she first met Taiyou. It was a perceptive gaze that could send shivers up your spine. A tight suit skirt that depicted a capable woman that brought out an atmosphere of professionalism.

To her appearance, there was a certain kind of anticipation for Taiyou.

Without knowing what Taiyou's real intentions were, Sakura approached Taiyou to a distance where her voice could reach him, she also brought along her underlings in black with her.

「Natsuno Taiyou」

「Junishima Sakura」

「I shall ask you without holding back, you, what have you come here for?」

「There is something I must request. No, it would be good if this could all be settled with a mere request」

「Yes, so what kind of thing are you suggesting?」

Unlike when he first met Sakura, she spared no time to talk in pleasantries and immediately asked for Taiyou's intentions. Taiyou was feeling a sense of incompatibility and a disappointed feeling but he directly answered her question nonetheless.

「I want you to stop targeting the three sisters completely」

「I refuse, is that all you have come here to say?」

「……..Ahh」

Taiyou nods. Was Sakura's true personality really this cold? The feeling of incompatibility within Taiyou grew more and more. Without even giving it a single thought and without hesitation, Sakura was succinctly giving him a straight answer. He started to wonder if something changed, or if this was her true personality.

Chapter 26: An Extremely Absurd Fight

The amount of times in which Taiyou had met Sakura was so little that it could be counted with his five fingers, furthermore the duration of time in which they spent together is to the extent of putting some hot water into a Cup Ramen and waiting for it to fully cook. He had not really known her for a very long time, however Taiyou felt that he had a connection with her to a certain degree.

She was not this kind of blunt/snappish woman, at the very least, she was usually a lot more composed/calm.

That was the reason he was looking forward to conversing with her, however, she was like a completely different person, it couldn't be helped that he held a bit of doubt and disappointment.

「Taiyou-chan, Taiyou-chan～」

Seeing the hesitation in Taiyou's eyes, Hera gently whispers quietly into his ears.

「It's not the time to be thinking such things desuyo～. First of all we need to solve the problem with the girl's ～」

「……I suppose so」

Taiyou rearranged his thoughts and mutters in a whisper that could

barely be heard. After that he one again faced Sakura's direction, and continues to point out his demands.

「I'll ask one more time, the girls.....The Hayakawa triplets, I want you to stop pursuing them as some kind of research object」

「I refuse」

She flatly and straight forwardly declined.

「Then allow me rephrase my question, Who should I talk to.....No, who has the authority to negate the decision? Who is the person in charge? 」

「It is I」

「.....In that case, what is it that I have to do to convince you? 」

「.....」

Sakura was silent and did not answer. Taiyou couldn't really say for sure if what she said was the truth, but, he understood that she was the one in charge of the operations.

「Shirokiyami」

「I understand」

When Taiyou calls out her name, she advances a step towards them, and she takes her fighting stance with the sword she pulled out of her skirt.

The sword is sheathed and put back into its scabbard, her body is inclined forward and she takes on a position that Taiyou has seen previously.

It was the Iai technique, this was the word that came into his head as he saw her stance.

「I never expected, that you would become our enemy」

「I am.....A pro, as long as someone, pays」

「It's my mistake to have discontinued the contract, however」

As she said this, (Click), she clicked her fingers together.

When she did, as if acting to her click, the black clothed men around her all took out their weapons one after another.

Just like that, it would seem that various firearms were pointed at us.

Rifles, Guns, Sub-machine-guns, Shot guns, Military Assault Rifles, Large scale machine guns (fixed type), even a rocket launcher was taken out.

「Aren’t you exaggerating the situation a little?!」

Taiyou let out a vigorous retort that made his voice crack, however, Sakura had a blank expression on her face.

「『Shirokiyami』is our opponent……..Shoot」

Almost without any warning whatsoever, Sakura issued orders to begin shooting.

Taiyou was surprised.

However, in the next instant, his body moved by spinal reflex and it bypassed his brain. He gripped the slender arms of Shirokiyami, and threw her away backwards.

Although she was petite, she was a full-fledged 16 year old, 140 centimeters tall woman. Even if the weight was not something excessively huge, it was a decent weight of a person.

And Taiyou was able to easily fling her away.

Shirokiyami, was fluttering about in the middle of the air, and she had an astonished/amazed expression.

In the next instant the earth shook.

Guns, rifles, short machine guns, rocket launchers, shot guns, assault rifles and Gatling guns…

Various firearms were all fired simultaneously towards Taiyou, and total destruction ensued.

It was the kind of barrage that could only be seen as overkill if it was to be used on one man, if it was any normal living thing, the thermal power and destructive power of such a barrage would definitely cause a person to be grinded to dust without an exception.

However, there was an exception.

As the volley of attacks is stopped, the smoke/dust begins to clear away gradually. The ground which was relentlessly bombarded should have been gouged out——however in the center of the explosion, Taiyou was still standing there alive and well.

Not to mention his body, even his hair and clothes were completely unharmed.

Looking at such a spectacle, Sakura and her gang of black clothed men could only stare in fright/astonishment.

「Y, you….What is happening? 」

「I’ve said this before but, if you want to defeat me then you better be prepared throw a nuclear bomb」

「Tha, that can't be.....」

Looking at such a ridiculous spectacle Sakura was at a loss for words. The people who actually fired the shots (black clothed men) showed a different reaction. Originally the firearms they held within their hands, gave them an absolute sense of power and security. The moment that such an absolute existence is denied, what grasped into their hearts was instead the feeling of fear.

「F, fire!!」

「Uwaaaaaaaaa!」

「You monster!」

They lost their senses due to the fear/panic and they let out a second volley of attacks almost instantly.

Just like the first time, they aimed at Taiyou's general location accurately.....however, the fact that it was completely useless against Taiyou was once again clarified.

When the smoke clears up, Taiyou was as per usual flawlessly unharmed. In order to produce an even more overwhelming sense of futility, Taiyou squatted down in that location.

This was very effective, an absolute sense of despair sunk into the black

clothed man and seeing the calm appearance of Taiyou, the men began to run away and disperse like a spider's children.

Most of them ran away but, there was a couple who remained to stay.

Their expression were still ruled by fear, however they held it down, and they stepped in front of Sakura as if trying to protect her.

(Illustration: Come At Me!)

Though the majority of them still held up their firearms, about two people threw away their guns and pulled out a knife/dagger.

Taiyou hesitated.

His only skill was “Long range immunity” that was it. In other words, if it was just bullets or even cannonballs being shot at him he could remain completely calm, however if the opponent was holding a sharp blade, this logic no longer applied to him.

In addition, if you were to exclude his only ability so far, he was in fact just a normal high school student. The possibility of him winning against the men whom held weapons……..there is no guarantee that he will be able to defeat them without getting stabbed.

What should I do…..Just as he was thinking this?

「Ah…….」

Taiyou was able to perceive something from the corner of his view.

Far away from Sakura’s location above the skies, something bright and white was floating in the sky like a harvest moon. It was like the rabbit that lived in the moon, a white shadow. (TL: The Moon rabbit in folklore and it is a rabbit that lives on the moon. Based on pareidolia that identifies the markings of the Moon as a rabbit)

「Shirokiyami」

Her name slipped out of his mouth. Before he was aware, the white girl explosively leaped from the back, and like an angel she swooped down gracefully.

「Free Style『Reverse-Heaven Wandering Bird』passes by」(TL:「自在流、『逆天の流離るり』、まかる通る」if anyone can help me get a better meaning, that would be awesome. 逆天 can also mean “Against the Gods” just like the title of my favorite novel, maybe “God-Slaying” can be used as well)

Unlike the way she would normally pronounce her words, the name of the technique she called out was awe-inspiring.

Shirokiyami flew right into the midst of the enemy’s camp and began to cut down everything in her sight with the national treasure『Reverse-Heaven』(Against the Gods: name of her sword). In the blink of an eye the remaining men clothed in black were all cut down by her sword.

The event doesn’t even pass a minute, Taiyou could not even comprehend what she was doing as it all occurred so fast. The only things displayed to him was a glint/flash of moonlight that shone in his eyes, and the black clothed men who fall noisily to the ground one after another in less than a breaths interval.

The type of technique she used? He had absolutely no clue.

「With this, it should cover.....My wag-es」

Shirokiyami points her sword at the scruff of Sakura's neck, and looked at Taiyou in her usual expression.

It was an expression that asked him, "is this good enough?"

「……You, are amazing」

「I'm……A pro after, all. I will work, for my sala-ry」

「Is, is that so? Come to think of it, the thing that was said before—-」

「Taiyou-chan, Taiyou-chan～」

He was about to ask Shirokiyami a question, but Hera suddenly whispered in his ear.

Taiyou was about to be derailed from the objective and Hera was trying to remind him of what was important, he "thanked" Hera with his gaze and he strengthened his resolve as he faced towards Sakura, who had a sword on the scruff of her neck.

「With this it has been decided, right? Now, please promise to withdraw taking any action against the girls」

「Even if you do this kind of thing, it will not have any meaning」

Sakura didn't answer with a「yes」or a「no」.

「What are you talking about? Weren't you the one in charge of the operations? 」

「Yes, I am the person in charge. 『Site/location』, Although I am only in charge of the dirty work」

「What do you mean?」

「If you say it in a single phrase, I am a replaceable existence, above all the plan which has been set in motion cannot be stopped even if I were to die, that's the kind of meaning it has 」

「In other words–」

「Ahh～, does she mean that she is a chief clerk?」

Hera instinctively let out a few words in his ear. He didn't really grasp the meaning behind her words when she said that she only had authority at the site/location, however when she mentioned that she was only a chief clerk, he understood immediately.

The fact that someone of a clerk status could not really effect the decisions of a company, is something that even Taiyou. Who was a high school student could easily imagine.

This was Taiyou's blunder, he was seeing things only in the way that he

wanted to.

He gave the person known as Junishima Sakura a high evaluation of his own accord, and (Taiyou thought) that amongst her own organization, she would be quite important in terms of her position, being able to hand down orders and such.

This was totally unrelated to how it actually was. Taiyou was at a loss for words, and he was confused as to what actions he should take from now.

Even if he could fling a girl the same age as him tens of meters away, or even if he could withstand a bombardment of heavy firearms, after all in the end he was just a high school student.

The ability to make informed decisions and more importantly his experience were overwhelmingly insufficient.

Therefore, he could not think of a method to break down the problem into manageable pieces. Even the mind that was supposed to be more calm the more he is in a pinch, did not work as he would have liked it to.

In the midst of his despair, Shirokiyami, fired out a few striking words.

「I have.....A method」

「What is it?!」

Taiyou grabbed at her words of hope, it was as if he was stuck in hell

and there was a single strand of spider silk dangling in the air that could pull him back to safety.

Chapter 27: The Bird's Cradle

Both Taiyou and Shirokiyami was running back from the road they came from.

Taiyou carried the fainted Sakura on his shoulder as he dashed away.

He was literally kidnapping her in broad daylight. Although they were fleeing from the scene with Sakura in tow, there were absolutely no pursuers, this is because Shirokiyami made sure to get rid of any loose ends.

Whilst they were running away, Taiyou glances at Sakura and asks Shirokiyami a question.

「So, what is this plan that you were talking about earlier? Is there a relationship as to why we need to kidnap her? 」

「Yeah……..It's so we can make it, public」

「Making it public? What are you talking about, how are we supposed to do that? 」

「What these people……Are doing, is human experimentation. Even now, they are in the middle…..of conducting experiments」

「That's true! The girls known as the "Eternally little"! 」

At first Taiyou couldn't understand what she was implying, but after the word "experimentation" came out he suddenly remembered the fact that they were experimenting on a group of people called the Eternally Little.

As if he guessed correctly, Shirokiyami merely nodded quietly.

「Is that so.....I guess we can use this. Though I have been completely sucked into the pace of these people, in actual fact no matter how ideal or desirable being able to create a serum that would make you eternally young is, it is still illegal to do human experimentation, especially if it is leaked out to the public. No matter how much people are bribed in this world, there will also be those that will strongly oppose such a violation of human rights」

「That, is exactly, it」

Taiyou hit himself in the head and thought, "how come I didn't think of such a simple fact?"

Up until now, all he thought about was the three sisters. The idea's he came up with always revolved around the girls.

Though the three people were consistently exposed to dangers, he wasn't able to come out with a concrete way to protect them. In a word, he was just attempting to fix the problem without cutting it at its roots.

Even if it crossed his mind that he could call on the police force to take them into protective custody, it never crossed his mind that he could use

the public's opinion to potentially resolve the issue.

The fact that they were already in the process of experimentation, changes everything.

Whilst running at a speed that a normal human being probably couldn't achieve……Taiyou glimpsed at the face of the unconscious Sakura who was on his shoulder.

When he first met her, Sakura wanted him to "Cooperate" with her for the Eternally Little project. Although he didn't really understand the implications of the words at that time, it was a critically factor which indicated she was already experimenting on humans.

「"The poor girls, who……Are vulnerable and weak". Or maybe another title for the newspapers could be, "The Company behind the scenes of…." Or maybe "the young girls who have been abused and taken advantage of"? 」

「Although I don't really understand what they really do to the bodies of these girls……I can still imagine the horrific acts they may have done」

「Yes」

「In that case, all we need to do is to get the information out of Sakura」

「Yeah, we bring her…….Torture, the info, out…..of her」

「Torture....?」

Taiyou frowns.

「Her body, or.....Her mind.....or her woman's dignity.....If we break one of those things–」

「Uuu.....」

Taiyou suddenly braked his gears, Shirokiyami also stops running a little bit behind him, and he looks behind to face her.

「Is that.....Really effective? 」

Taiyou puckers up his eyebrows and asks Shirokiyami.

「If it's done in the right way.....It's extremely, effective」

「.....」

Hearing this Taiyou knit his eyebrows more and more.

His goal and the means to obtain it, he was considering which one should take precedence/priority.

For Taiyou, he has always considered the means to be of high value. In other words, up until now, in order to achieve his goals, he would not use

despicable means to achieve them.

Thus, the word torture caused him to become restless.

Her body, mind or her woman's dignity.

What Shirokiyami wanted him to destroy/break, was too overwhelming for a 16 year old boy like him.

He couldn't decide which of the three actions he preferred. Taiyou quietly looks at Sakura.

「Isn't there any other methods?」

「There is」

「！」

Suddenly a voice came from the front. Taiyou turned back towards the front whilst still carrying Sakura on his shoulders, and stared in the direction of the voice.

Before her noticed it he already arrived at the intersection of where the entrance to Ohashi Town was. There was a girl standing there with one hand on her waist.

Her height seemed to be around 150 centimeters? A hair that was long

and not inferior in length to Shirokiyami's hair. And she had her hair tied to the left and right of her head, in other words it was the hair style known as the twin tail. Her eyes were really big and bright, and she gave Taiyou the feeling that she was overflowing with youthful energy.

(Illustration: Yurikago)

She puts down her hand from her side, and slowly faces Taiyou.

Taiyou becomes a little cautious and takes a step backwards.

「Ah-don't worry, it's alright, you don't have to be scared. I'm not someone who is suspicious」

Whilst walking casually towards Taiyou, her twin tail shakes to and fro.

「She does not have……Knowledge of military arts」

Shirokiyami talked in a quiet voice so that only Taiyou could hear.

「There is no enemy's in the surrounding desuyo〜」

Hera who just finished scouting the area confirms the area is clear.

It wasn't like he was completely convinced that she wasn't an enemy just from that. However, Taiyou did loosen up a little after hearing such information from the two people.

「Then, who are you exactly?」

「Before you ask for someone's name, it is polite to introduce yourself first you know? Natsuno Taiyou-kun」

「There's no point telling you my name if you already know it!」

「tsk, tsk, tsk」

The girl shakes her finger and stuck her tongue out.

「The politeness to introduce oneself has no connection with the fact that I already know your name right? What I'm talking about is your manners/etiquette. Introduce yourself」

The last word that came out of her mouth held a lot of pride in it. Although he was puzzled Taiyou decided to introduce himself.

「..... I am Natsuno Taiyou」

「Yeah, well said. I am……let's see, you can call me『Yurikago』」 (TL; Yurikago also means Cradle)

「Yurikago?」

Taiyou mutters as he glimpsed at Shirokiyami.

For a second there Taiyou started to think that names which were fancy were becoming the norm around here, however when he thought back to how Shirokiyami was also a codename, he kind of understood that Yurikago was something akin to a code name.

「If you want to shorten my name, you may call me by『Yuri』」

「……uu」

When the name Yurikago was mentioned, for some reason Shirokiyami reacted.

When he glimpse at her, interestingly enough, she had a normal expression on her usually blank face, and a sulky expression could be seen.

What is going on? He wondered…..But, he didn't really have time to think about this in detail. The person known as Yurikago continued to talk.

「Well, I suppose you can call me whatever you like. The main issue for you is finding out why I have come here, and why I wanted to meet with you」

「You…..Out of the girls I've come across so far you are quite eccentric」

「Even if you try to hit on me, its NG, or more like its futile. That's because I don't like the type of guy you are」(TL: NG = No good)

Seeing how frank/candidly she was speaking out her emotions, Taiyou thought to himself "Yeah she really is unusual".

For some time now, all of the women around him were the type to talk about extra details and be really long winded in their conversations. If he was to talk to them, the main topic would soon be forgotten/derailed, and it was really difficult to control the direction of the conversation.

This was the fact for Hera, the three sisters, Shirokiyami and even the girl on his shoulder. All of them would talk in their own pace, and in a sense, they didn't really listen to what other people were trying to say.

In this kind of sense, Yurikago's frank way of speaking was refreshing for Taiyou.

「I understand. Then let me ask…..What is your objective for coming here? 」

「I wanted to teach you about the thing known as『Blood Soul』」

「Blood Soul?」

「Ara? (Oh), you haven't heard of this name before? It is the project that you are trying to crush right now」

「—! 」

「You don't have to be so alarmed all the time, it's a really bad habit you know? Moreover, how can we advance our conversation if you're like this? 」

「……」

「Well, if you want to act like that I suppose it's fine, in that case, I will continue the conversation from this distance. Ahh that's right, before we proceed with the conversation there is two things that I have to do first」

「Something that you need to do?」

「Yeah, The first thing is.....this」

As she said this Yurikago, fumbled about and pulled something out, and she presented this to Taiyou.

「What is this?」

「Blindfold, Earplugs and a mouth gag. Please put it on that woman」

Yurikago placed her glance on Sakura as she directed Taiyou.

「Put this on Sakura.....? Why? 」

「If she was to find out about my existence, it will be troublesome later. For this particular matter, we are mutual enemies. Moreover, if she was able to hear the plans I am about to tell you, then she may be able to formulate a variety of counter-measures later, is that alright with you? 」

「.....I understand」

Taiyou nods. Her reasoning is logical, she doesn't want to reveal herself to her enemy and she also doesn't want to disclose any details which could be used against her. There doesn't seem to be any problems in listening to her.

「Alright, go on, make it quick. If you don't do this, we can't proceed to the next thing」

「The next?」

「Didn't I just tell you that I had a second thing that I have to do? Hora hora (Look look), quickly, move it」

Yurikago urges Taiyou to hurry. As he expected, she was really different form all the women he had met so far.

He endures letting out a wry smile, he slowly placed Sakura on the ground and started to get to work by applying the things he got from Yurikago.

He blindfolded her eyes, her mouth is bound and her ears were plugged, moreover so as to ensure that Sakura would be unable to take it off herself, he tied her hands around her back with the rope he got from Yurikago.

After he finished doing that, he faced Yurikago.

「Is this good enough?」

「Yeah, yeah, Alright, the next thing is……Yes, yes, it's—Al—right—now!」

She raised her jaws and bends her backside at an extreme angle and shout's out those words.

When she finished doing that, he started to hear the pitter patter footsteps……of three people who were familiar to him, as they called out his name.

「「「Taiyou-san」」」

When he turned around, the three sisters jumped into his bosom at the same time.

Chapter 28: The Asymmetrical Three Sisters

The three sisters jumped into his bosom simultaneously. As soon as he confirmed their appearances, Taiyou stretched out his arms and had an accepting posture. Still, he was pushed back by the tackle of three people and his back was pressed against the wall.

He naturally slid down to the ground as he entrusted his back to the wall, and the three people are quietly embraced.

「You guys, how come…..?」

「That is our words to say」

「Although we were waiting for you to return to the classroom, no matter how long we waited you didn’t come」

「We were really worried」

「Ahh……」

Taiyou had a strained smile on his face, he finally recalled the fact that he went out of school without informing them of anything.

He wanted to secretly resolve the issue so he did not inform them as he went out. He regretted the fact that he could have just said a few simple

words in order to relieve them of their worries.

「My bad, I had something I had to do」

「.....Taiyou-san」

Kotone was watching him with moistened eyes.

「Please.....Kiss me」

She, requested him. If he looked carefully, both Suzune and Kazane had the same expression on their faces. If Taiyou was a bystander looking at the situation, he may have thought “What a lewd face” the girls had, however, looking directly into their eyes even he was infected with their intense expressions.

His heart begins to throb, it became unbearable to Taiyou as the three girls were irresistible.

He brought them even closer to his embrace, first of all Kotone’s lips were breathed in. her soft luscious lips were passionately kissed, pressed and sucked up.

The flavor of her kiss was neither sweet nor sour. He didn’t even know whether her lips tasted delicious or not.

Taiyou could only feel warm inside.

The warm pleasant feeling spread throughout his body.

The feeling of sitting on the hard floor gradually disappeared, and what replaced it was a feeling of his body floating in the air.

「Puhaa」(gasping for air)

「Taiyou-san, me too……」

After Kotone it was Suzune's turn. Suzune had an intoxicated gaze as he went for her lips. Her lips looked exactly the same, however her lips were a little bit smaller.

Prod, Probingly. Whilst kissing her, Taiyou lightly probed her lips with his tongue The more he continued to do this, it was like the tip of his tongue was directly connected to the nerve endings of his nether regions, and he started to feel a sweet numbness in that area.

(I wonder…. if she also feels the same….?)

Whilst feeling the warmth of her body he was thinking such things. Suzune's petite limbs which were being held in Taiyou's arms, were twitching and trembling every time Taiyou's tongue brushed against her lips. He was curious to know whether she could also feel the wonderful sensations that he felt.

「Taiyou-san……..Suzu-chan……」

「You are next」

When he separated from Suzune, this time he pulled Kazane's body close to him a little violently. He "deprives", this would be the best word to describe his actions. He kissed her intensely and violently.

He pressed unto her lips with enough force to change its shape, he licked her lips. He sucked it up.

When he continued to do this for a while, suddenly, Kazane's body lost its strength.

Her whole body loses its power and all her weight was entrusted to Taiyou.

Taiyou caught her firmly and embraced her even more strongly.

He finally separated from her lips.

Kotone and Suzune both leaned into Taiyou at the same time. Together along with Kazane, the three people were being held tight.

Nobody had to say anything, the four people just continued to enjoy the aftertaste of their passionate kiss.

Taiyou looked up into the sky.

Up until a little while ago, this was a scene that would have never occurred for someone like him.

For a long time up till now, Taiyou had a dull life without any girls in it.

He was branded as a “good guy” but a girl actually told him it was lame that he was a “good guy”. Additionally there was this one time where he got a chocolate on Valentine’s, however, the girl in question actually told him that she put it in the wrong shoe cabinet by mistake and re took the chocolate. When he thought that it couldn’t get any worse, he was ranked as being the least popular school boy, in an underground school site and he managed to win this title five times in a row.

He thought that he would never get a girlfriend, for his whole life. He even started to think that he would have to rely on those mediation services where you would be matched for arranged marriage or a mixed-race marriage in the future.

Regardless, having this kind of relationship with such cute girls was completely unthinkable to him.

「Taiyou-san.....I really like Taiyou-san」

Someone said those words, and he tried to glance at them to see who it was. Who said it? He wondered, even now he was unable to distinguish the voices of the three, but he guessed that even if he could find out, it was a meaningless thing.

That’s because all of them were looking at him with the same gaze.

「I also love you. Forever and ever, I want to be by Taiyou-san's side」

「I will do anything to be together, so please let me be together with you?」

「I also really like…..You girls」

When he said so, the girl's faces were beaming in smiles.

「It's probably more precise for me to say, that I have always admired you guys」

「「「You admired us?」」」

The three spoke in a chorus. Taiyou secretly liked this aspect about them. They were able to align the frequency of their voices completely and the voice of three people became the voice of one person.

Every time he heard their voices align, something seemed to stir from the depths of his heart.

Even now it was the same, when he heard their voice sync, he instinctively puts more power in his arms, he hugged them even more closely and their bodies were stuck together.

「Your heart beats…..No is it your frequency? That's also not it, your smells? Atmosphere? At any rate, I really adore the fact that you guys are

so synchronized. Even now it makes me.....」

For the time being Taiyou shuts/closes his eyes and he just tried to feel them.

「It's like I am holding on to one person instead of three people, it's a really weird sensation. However, I really like that feeling」

「Is that so?」

A voice was heard, whose voice was it? Was it just one person who said that, or was that all three of them speaking?

Taiyou who closed his eyes couldn't discern such a fact.

And he didn't want to find out the answer.

He wanted the girls to be all together as one.

The Asymmetrical Triplets, they were each their own independent existences, they were three separate girls yet they were also bonded with each other.

「Ahh....I get it now. I found a fitting word to use」

「What is it?」

Taiyou opens his eyes and he looked into the girls eyes.

「You girls… Share the same pure soul don't you? 」

When he said this, the three girls had shocked expressions on their faces.

「Ahh, I'm sorry, I probably said something weird. Please forget about it —-」

「That's not true!」

Kotone spoke in a loud voice and interrupted what Taiyou was going to say. In addition to that, Suzune and Kazane firmly grasped unto his right and left hand.

「It seemed like you guys were showing me a strange and unpleasant face?」

「That's not it, we were just really surprised」

「yeah, we didn't expect you to say such a thing. We didn't expect you to be able to understand us」

「Although we hoped that Taiyou-san would be able to understand, we didn't really believe that you would be able to understand us so well, even without us explaining anything to you」

「What is this about?」

When he asked them to explain, they all separated from Taiyou at the exact same timing and they sat on their knees.

And then Kotone extended her right hand, and made a thumb with her left hand and started to pierce the middle of her right palm with her thumb nail.

「Oi!」 (Taiyou Speaking)

Without thinking Taiyou stood up immediately. However he was stopped by the look on their faces.

Blood started to flow out from Kotone's hands, her fingernail penetrated the skin of her palms and a small blemish could be seen.

Following that, both Suzune and Kazane opened up their right palms to show Taiyou and they each had the same exact wound.

「—tsu!」(Surprise)

Taiyou was mind blown, amazingly the same exact wound appeared on each of their right palms.

He understood this well because he saw it right in front of his eyes, Suzune and Kazane didn't physically injured themselves like Kotone did.

In other words, the two other girls didn't move a muscle, yet their hands just started to bleed on its own.

「Since a long time ago, we have always been like this」

「If one of us got injured, the other two would also get the some wound」

「When we get sick we also share the same cold」

「Is that true?」

「Moreover for us…..It was really hard for us to learn a language. Ne (right guys?)」

「Yeah, it was around elementary school? That was when we were finally able to talk」

「It was because back in those days we used to converse with our minds……. Although it was different from a normal conversation, we three were able to converse with our hearts, that's why we didn't really need to learn any words to express our feelings」

「Telepathy…..Among triplets? 」

「Yeah, sadly now we can't communicate like that anymore」

「Now we are able to converse normally, but we can't communicate using our mind anymore」

「Yeah, I mean we were acting like a married couple, and we weren't able to hold any conversations. Although I thought that it was special in its own way」

「Is that so……Ahh, I know what you guys mean」

Taiyou think's a little bit and nods.

「If you three were put into an unpopulated island and made to live together, you probably would start to forget certain words, is it a little like this?」

「I think it is similar」

「Even now when there is a long holiday, we get a feeling that we start to forget certain words」

「It's because when three of us are together, there is no longer any need for words」

「Is that so?…….I think it's kinda cool, that sort of thing」

Taiyou narrowed his eyes as he spoke.

Taiyou truly felt so from the bottom of his heart. The triplets shared the same soul and were able to feel each other, they were connected, and they were able to convey their full emotions without the need for any words. He really envied the relationship they shared with each other.

Chapter 29: The lack of boundaries in the last few years

「It's kinda cool?.....–Eh? 」(Kotone Speaking)

Kotone is confused by Taiyou's words and the three girls with the same face (yet different sizes) had a bewildered expression on them.

Was the words he said insufficient? Taiyou supplemented with more words to better explain his thoughts.

「Of course I think that it's cool/good, but more than that, it is probably more correct to say that I am envious..... Of the relationship/bond you guys share between each other. That's because our conversation just now..... Is it correct for me to say that you guys don't keep secrets between each other? 」

「Yeah.....That's....True」

「Or more like, we can't」

「If our emotions are even a little bit heightened it leaks out, even if we try to conceal it, it's completely useless」

「Is it like when the door to your bedroom is broken, that kind of feeling?」

「Yes, yes. It's like its half open, I mean we can close it but the moment our hand leaves the door—-the room will open by itself again. I suppose

it’s meaningless in a sense」

「Recently it’s been a bother to hold it closed all the time」

「Which reminds me, do you guys remember the time when we got lost in the shopping Centre?」

「I remember, at that point in time we were still able to talk within each other’s hearts, we are able to tell each other our locations but we weren’t able to guide each other properly」

「The signs in that Centre was really similar, and there was a place that looks identical on every floor, we ended up being spread out on different floors/levels」

「It’s because Kaza-chan got on the elevator, I went after Kaza-chan and Suzu-chan in a panic thinking that you guys got swallowed by a big metal box. The door to the elevator closed and suddenly the both of you were gone. Although I realized that you guys were fine in the next instant」

「Although we were in a state of panic, feelings of safety were able to be transmitted so we were able to calm down」

Taiyou’s words stimulated their old memories, and the three girls became quite talkative as they reminiscence about their past. These were things that only the three girls would know about.

Their chests which were brushing up against Taiyou all pulsed with the

same rhythm of heartbeats. The girls in front of him that shared such vulnerable things about them made him feel that they were so precious to him——unbearably precious.

「Do you guys, regularly talk amongst yourselves like this?」

He couldn't help but to want to participate in the conversation. However with his single careless phrase, their nice atmosphere was broken.

「……..No, that's not true」

「We usually get weird stares from other people, so lately we don't really talk amongst ourselves much even when we are together」

「It's been several years…..approximately」

Their conversations amongst each other was interrupted, and the lovely atmosphere they had around them was completely shattered, and it changed into something different. And it was definitely not something pleasant.

An awkward atmosphere flows out. The current state was achieved with a single careless phrase from Taiyou, and he regretted it so much he could die.

The unified movements they had up till now was also torn asunder.

「Th, that's right, we still need to talk to the person who brought us here–」

Whilst Kotone said this, she erects her body. Around the same time, Suzune and Kazane also parted from him.

The warmth disappears, Taiyou chases after it and his reaches out his hands to grab them.

「Eh?—-Kyaa」

He gripped Kotone's arm and drew her towards him. He put in too much power, and the two girls on the side were dragged into it, and they lost their balance and got tangled up in each other.

「Ouch.....」

They hit their heads together and Taiyou's eyes were sparkling with stars. Taiyou tried to suppress his dazed state by blinking his eyes and lightly shaking his neck.

When he finally regained his vision, right next to him was the appearance of a blushing Kotone.

She was acting all shy/bashful, why was that? And then his vision expanded even more—

「–tsu!」(Surprise)

After seeing the situation he finally understood. When they fell, their bodies were entwined and tangled together, the position was as if Taiyou was pinning her down. Kotone was blushing due to the position their bodies were at currently.

「So, sorry, I didn't mean it」

「「Wait」」

From his left and right he heard the same words, He didn't need to confirm to know that it was Suzune and Kazane's voice.

As the girls called out to stop him, each of them were holding unto to Kotone's hands from each side.

「I.....Don't mind it okay」

Kotone was still blushing.....and she had a face that seemed she was determined as she glanced away from Taiyou's gaze.

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Under the bridge where various people with no common sense was gathered. Sakura was dropped off on a spot with a clump of grass on it, Yurikago was sitting with her legs crossed. A little distance away from Yurikago, Shirokiyami who was like a white porcelain doll, had her finger tips linked together and was staring at the riverbed with an unfocused

gaze.

Her boundless gaze seemed to be staring at a single point, yet it could also be that she was staring at nothing in particular.

「What are you doing over there?」

Yurikago was curious about what she was staring at and asked her a question. Shirokiyami answered with a straight tone, neither filled with good intention or malicious intent, it was nothing but an earnest response.

「Insect..ti,cide」 (insecticide)

「I don't understand. You don't talk very clearly do you」

Yurikago just bluntly states such a fact, unlike Sakura who usually speaks in a more round about manner, Yurikago just isn't the type of girl to play with her words.

「I think that it's.....Clear enough. Everyone knows that.....obstructing/intruding on a pair of lovers, is what an insect does」

「I see. So, what do you plan to do? 」

「Threaten. People who get near.....I will kill them, that kind of threat」

Shirokiyami made an abstract explanation. Yurikago was a little doubtful, but after she thought about it for a while she was able to grasp the meaning behind the words.

「I understand, you released a barrier of killing intent around this area, didn't you? What a handy skill you have there」

「Because I am being employed, this is.....Also a part of the job to earn my salary」

「Hee」(acknowledging, hee= is that so?)

「Moreover」

「Moreover?」

「That person's body temperature.....Feels really good. The girl's feelings.....I under, stand」

「.....Eh? 」

Yurikago's eyes were wide open, and she had a slightly surprised face.

「I am surprised, that『Shirokiyami』can act like this. No, I suppose since the start you were always a woman? 」

「.....？」

Shirokiyami just stared blankly and tilted her neck at Yurikago's words.

「What's with that reaction?」(Yurikago Speaking)

「I don't…. Know. From the start, I was always…..a woman」

「Ahh, I suppose you are the type of person who doesn't even understand their own feelings」

「？？？」

The girl with white hair just stares at Yurikago in puzzlement.

「Well, I suppose it's none of my business that you are being a faithful dog」

「I don't really understand…..What you are say….ing」

「If you become an adult woman you will understand」

「But you are also, not an adult」

「I am a worldly-minded person, so my mind is considerably more dirtied than you」

Yurikago laughs under her breath.

「Is that, sarcasm?」

「Not really? If I were to put a word it's envy」

「……？」

「Oh come on, I just thought that you were the type of human being who is not tainted no matter the situation. Although I am, boastful of the amount of knowledge amassed within my brain. I can't think of a way to make you corrupted/contaminated. In that meaning/sense I'm jealous of the fact that you can remain so pure」

「…….As I thought, sarcasm」

「Yes?」

「I am…..Extremely tainted….that's why」

Shirokiyami gazed at her own hands.

Yurikago correctly understood the meaning…..of her actions. Yurikago was a woman who knew of Shirokiyami's notoriety, prestige and on top of that she even knew Shirokiyami's real name.

Although she really understood why Shirokiyami was looking down at

her own hands.

「That's not what I meant」(TL: Yurikago is not referring to the blood Shirokiyami has on her hands, she is referring to her pure mind, and the fact that Shirokiyami doesn't enjoy killing or torturing people, though I don't know her back/origin story I'm sure it will be disclosed down the track)

Yurikago picked up a pebble from the ground, and like a natural she flicked the stone right at Shirokiyami. Shirokiyami doesn't avoid the stone, and just gets hit by it.

「It hurts (ouch)」

「For someone who naively got hit by that stone without avoiding it, stop babbling on about how you are tainted」

「Meaning, don't….understand」

「Obviously, I suppose a natural airhead like you won't understand 」

Yurikago finished off with that and returned to the topic at hand.

「Let me confirm one thing, you are working for that man right?」

「……Yes, for my salary」

「That's more than enough info. Seriously, what part about that man is good I wonder? 」

Yurikago says that and she went into deep thought

Because Yurikago doesn't say anything, Shirokiyami goes back to being an insect repellent and releases her killing intent, she turns her gaze upwards, and she can feel the atmosphere of the people above the bridge.

「……..Ah」

「What's wrong?」

「Yeah, there's something……」

「Yes?」

「For some reason…….I want to do…..this」

「What are you talking about?」

Yurikago looks doubtful, Shirokiyami who had a really calm complexion just until a little while ago had a strange look on her face.

Her usual expressionless face was still predominantly the same, but there was something weird about it.

Shirokiyami suddenly turns her body around, and unsteadily walks towards the wall. Just when Yurikago was thinking what she was going to do.

Pechi, Pechi, (sfx of hitting something), Shirokiyami starts to strike/kick the wall. Without any power, she just starts to strike the wall continuously in that kind of manner. At first Yurikago was confused, but then she her face flared a deep red color and she dashed to the top of the bridge.

「No matter how you see it, isn't it doing way to much!!」

On top of an unpopular bridge, there was two sisters who were baring their elder sister and was in the process of presenting her to Taiyou.

Chapter 30: Boss Gorilla

Kotone turned her face away, and her eyes were shut. Her face was flushing in heat and it was a really bewitching look of a girl who was resolute, Taiyou's heart was throbbing like crazy with a dokun (heartbeat sfx).

And as if he was given one final push over the edge, the triplets both from the left and the right were nestled/snuggling really close to him. One person was fixing Kotone's hair, the other person was taking off her blazer type uniform and exposing her chest.

Dokun, Dokun, Dokun……. (Sfx heartbeats)

His heartbeat was growing louder by the moment, and he felt like at any moment, his heart would just dash out of his mouth.

His throat dries up and becomes raspy and the root of his tongue also felt really dry, it was that kind of feeling.

And, the blood stream of his whole body converges at a particular place, and a sweet aching starts.

「Kotone…..」

He whispers into her ears, and he raises the forelock that drifts over her forehead gently.

The moment Taiyou's hand touched her, Kotone's body quivered. (Sfx bikun =tremble) At the same time a hot passionate breath leaks from her mouth, she appears to be completely‥‥‥prepared.

Just like that, Taiyou, brings his face closer to the breasts which were bared open by the sisters.

「No matter how you see it, this is going overboard!」

「—tsu!」(Surprise)

Because of the sudden interruption, the sweet atmosphere around them was completely blown away. Taiyou who got the hugest surprise of his life, felt that his heart seemed like it could pop out. He immediately separated from Kotone and stood straight up.

When he turned around, what he saw was the appearance of a girl with a twin tail with a crimson face and an angry expression.

「Certainly I gave you some space so that you guys can talk it out, however it's not like you guys can just do whatever the hell you want, alright?! I don't really care that you guys were acting out some sort of rape play in the middle of the day and outdoors for that matter! But please think of the timing! 」

「Ah, Uuu…….I mean… That iss……I'm sorry」

Yurikago was furious as she gave him an extremely menacing look, and Taiyou apologized meekly. When he looked back at it, what he was about to do here was probably a really bad decision.

He was currently on the Ohashi Bridge, which was an important traffic route between the two towns: Hirohise and Seikasono. Even during midnight, it would not be weird to see passer-bys or a car passing through.

And even if it was a little bit away, they were still quite close to the entrance. Taiyou could only shiver at the thought that people would find him at the crime of such a love scene.

「Geez! this is why virgins are……You better remember to control you lower body and rein it in a little, alright?!」

「Aiya……I am ashamed」

「Good grief, if I knew that you guys were acting out such a cheap love scene, I would have just left you here without helping you」

「Help—-」

When the word help was said, he suddenly remembered.

「Incidentally, why were you with the girls?」

「You are slow in remembering such things!」

Yurikago had an astounded look on her face.

「Just now you guys entered into your own fantasy worlds, and was about to act out on your sexual desires 」

「That is our fault」(Kotone Speaking)

「When we met him we were just so happy」(Suzune Speaking)

「That's why it just flowed that way」(Kazane Speaking)

「I don't really blame you guys for it」 (Yurikago Speaking)

Yurikago was quite lenient with the girls and this time it was Taiyou's turn to be completely astonished.

「Hey you, aren't you going to become the Harem king?」

「That is.....」

「What? Do you plan on throwing away these girls? 」

「No, that won't happen. I plan to take responsibility for them until the end」

Taiyou asserted confidently.

Although even now, they still haven't sealed the deal, but in his heart it was already a done deal. In this case, it was natural for him to want to take responsibility.

「Taiyou-san.....」

「Are you telling.....The truth? 」

「Responsibility.....Responsibility.....」(Kazane is going crazy~)

The three sisters were reacting to Taiyou's words. Kazane seemed to reach some sort of conclusion in her own mind, and thinking about that "something" made her cheek blush red.

「Ahh, I am serious. Right now—」

「Like-I-Said-」

Before Taiyou was able to finish his sentence, Yurikago cuts him off with a voice that seemed shocked.

「That kind of behavior is not allowed. Listen up, if you really want to become a Harem King, then go look and learn from the wild animals of the jungle, got it?」

「Why animals?」

「Amongst humans there are a lot of cheating males, especially those males that are good at spouting sweet words」

Taiyou somehow remembers about Sakura.

「What I mean is you should look at animals for a good example of things. The male of the animal in a polygamy fights it's enemy's and takes full responsibility, the wives of the pack are completely defended, got it? If you look at a lion or gorilla this will become obvious」

「Hee (is that so?)」

「From here on, you will be taking the position of defending these girls. Although it's fine if you want to spout words of love, but pay attention to your surroundings when you pledge your love. If you are completely absorbed with them, and forget to be mindful of your surroundings, you could be easily taken out by the enemy and your pack could be annihilated in one fell swoop, isn't that just utterly stupid? 」

「……ahh」

Taiyou nods. He thought that the word Yurikago spoke had some sense in them.

Taiyou along with the three sisters and Yurikago all moved under the bridge. He was met with the still fainted Sakura, and for some reason a Shirokiyami who was hitting the walls and beating it up.

Six people except for Sakura was standing in a circle.

「And so, why was it that you were with the three girls?」

After calming down, Taiyou re asked the question to Yurikago again. When he did ask her, Yurikago had an expression which said “You are so slow to ask such things” as she stared at him, maybe it was because of her straight forward personality, but she didn’t actually say the words and just proceeded to advance with the story.

「I heard information from a source that both you and that white girl was planning on destroying the『Blood Soul』Plan. And when I knew about the three girls being targeted, I thought I would take the liberty of bringing them along before they became hostages」

「By the way, I know you said this a little while ago but what is this『Blood Soul』you mentioned that it was a plan of some sort?」

「That’s right,『Blood Soul Plan』. It is the name of the research being advanced under Junishima’s clan present master for the next term.

「Research? You mean about that longevity? 」

「That is precisely the case, it’s the research about being able to achieve perpetual youth」

Yurikago was saying this with a snort before she continued.

「You, how much of this plan are you aware of?」

「It is from her–」

He glanced at Sakura.

「—-I've heard about the story from Sakura, apparently it is a research about beauty. What was it again……..Eternally Little? She said something about making use of them and advancing the research」

After saying that, this time he turned his gaze towards the three sisters. The three girls bowed their heads, and nodded in assent.

「That's about right, however that is not all there is to it」

「What do you mean?」

「What are they using the Eternally little for? Or why are they using the Eternally Little? Those questions have yet to be answered. You think to think more deeply about the meaning of those questions」

「Eternally little……」

「When they pass the age of ten, these females, their growth and aging stops」

Shirokiyami mentions this in a mutter.

「That's right. Moreover the Eternally Little only consists of females, thus they want to research it, and find out the cause for their non-aging and by solving it, they hope to achieve perpetual beauty—」

「Perpetual youth, don't they feel out of place if they never grow old?」

Yurikago stares at Taiyou even more intensely.

Although Taiyou had a momentary mind blank, the idea caught up with him after taking another breath.

「—-Is it immortality they seek?」

「That is correct」

Yurikago nods.

「Ahh, of course the thing about achieving beauty is also not a lie. But under the pretense of making a woman beautiful, they are able to officially garner more attention and thus make more money from it. Also from a technical point of view, the latter is essentially perennial youth…..and it is more feasible to achieve this than unlocking an immortality gene. That's why they are doing this, I mean if things go well than they may also unlock immortality, either way they get huge benefits, that's how it is」

「So that's what this is about....」

「More like, it is a mystery to me how you did not arrive to this conclusion by yourself much sooner」

「No... Well if you didn't explain it to me in this way, there would have been plenty of different ways to infer their motives, right? 」

Taiyou says this with a bitter smile on his face. He felt like he just came out of a quiz in which he was given so many hints, before he could solve it.

「Yeah, it is an absurd thing」

「Hm?」

「I'm saying that all this research about trying to achieve immortality is just an absurd proposition. In the first place, how many brilliant researchers in the past history have failed to come up with the answer to immortality? 」

「Well I suppose that is true, But this time around, it would seem that they are getting quite close and it can be said that it is no longer an impossible feat to achieve. From a theoretical stand point....I can't say I know much about the Eternally Little but if such a human being does truly exist, although achieving immortality is one thing, advancing in the research of obtaining perpetual youth seems quite likely」

「Fun(exhales). Tell me, if you girls were to achieve that state of

perpetual beauty what would you think? 」

「Eh?」

「For example those three, if they were able to continuously keep up their current faces and not age, whilst you alone become an old grandfather, what would you think?」

「That is.....」

Taiyou became vacant as he looked at the three sisters, and he imagined such a scenario in his head.

He imagined himself going out of school and entering the society, and pursuing a normal job for himself. And the companion which stood next to him, doesn't change at all and their appearance remains that of a young girl.

He was imagining that kind of spectacle.

「That is....」

At first he thought, it was considerably good, but then a sense of incompatibility gradually dawned on him.

Something would be weird. But what would be out of place? He didn't really know the clear answer to that question.

2015/04/08 Post Scripts

Memo at the time of the 30th Chapter

【Level】5

【Main Abilities】

Strength: 30

Charm: 65535

Popularity: 0

Skill: Long distance immunity

Fighting Power: 5 (According to Shirokiyami)

【Main Properties】

A debt of about 11 million yen (+one million yen)

An annoying Fairy (Virgin?)

A broken Smart phone

One room apartment

【Brides】

Kotone, Suzune, Kazane

【Acquaintances】

Yurikago

Shirokiyami (An evil god, Fighting Power: 139)

Miyagi Aoba

Junishima Sakura

【People who can see Hera】

Hayakawa: Kotone, Suzune, Kazane

Chapter 31: The Unmindful Princess

「Well, If you don't really know the answer, than it's fine. The three girls aren't classified as the Eternally Little, besides I'm going to crush that plan without fail. The thing I said about them being perpetually young won't happen anyways, so don't worry about it」

「……You plan to crush them? Wasn't it your plan to just give me the vital information? 」

Though Taiyou feels caught up in Yurikago's words, this only lasted momentarily.

「Ahh is that so? You want to leak out the information to me so that I will be your『Means』of destroying them」

「That's right, allow me to tell you that "using" you is just a『means』, the『objective』is to completely destroy the plan/project 」

「Is that so? I understand」

Taiyou nods, on the contrary Yurikago who had so easily persuaded Taiyou to accept her proposition of making use of him was really bewildered.

「What? Are you just going to let me make use of you? 」

「Yea, I am」

「Are you really alright with that Taiyou-san?」

One of the triplets next to him, interjected in the conversation. Their faces were filled with surprise towards Taiyou, and towards Yurikago it was a mix of distrust and antipathy.

「It's fine」

「But, didn't she just say that she was just using you?」

「Moreover we don't really know the true colors of this person」

「I think it's too dangerous to trust her」

「……..I understand where you guys are coming from」

「In that case—」

「However, for the time being, our『Objectives』coincide with each other. And the most important thing is that, her『Means』to accomplish that objective, includes the plan to protect you girls from harm」

「After all, that is just one of my『means』So depending on the situation, that may change in the future」

「I know, but protecting the girls will put you in the least riskiest scenario, right? In other words, it will be your most preferred method/means」

「That is not exactly the case, it is better to say that this plan will be the easiest to settle later on」

「That is exactly why your『objectives』are in line with mine」

「Well, I suppose that seems to be the case」

Yurikago acceded to the statements and stopped arguing. After silencing her, Taiyou continued to talk to the triplets again.

「It's just like you heard, at the very least she plans on keeping you guys away from danger.....The "means" she has in mind and the "objective" that I have are the same. Therefore, even if we join hands I think that it should be fine」

「But.....」

「The enemy of your enemy, is not really your ally but you can at least make use of them.....Recently I heard such a saying which I thought applies to our situation right now. I also endorse such an idea. Going according to such an idea I feel like I can trust her.....No have confidence that I can trust her」

「.....」

The triplets just listened, whilst floating a worried expression.

The three sisters had a face that seemed to want to say something. They don't completely accept Taiyou's reasoning, but at the same time, they don't want to blatantly voice out their complaints.

Looking at their faces, Taiyou thought that at least for now, this plan was adequate.

And once again, he faced Yurikago

「That's how it is」

「Yea, I got it. Even so, both you and I may be more similar than I thought」

「I'm hoping that we can get along.....At the very least until this particular case is settled」

「In that regards, I am the same」

「Well, let's go over the more concrete details, shall we? Not about the content of the information. .....But, I want to know, what is the plan you have in store for me? 」

「I want you to come along with me, and steal information」

Yurikago's pupils were shining with fire as she said those words, she was like a carnivorous animal that was eyeing her prey.

At night: the hands of the clock were about to face up.

Taiyou and Yurikago was in a town called Gyoushika Gouroku. Gyoushika was a town that existed on the borders of Seikasono town, and in between the towns there was a mountain called Mt. Futagoyama Mountain which spanned over 100 meters in height.

They were near the research facility that was in Gyoushika. The two people were in a building that was able to oversee the research facility from a long distance away.

Right now Taiyou was accumulating experience points by taking of his coat and putting back on again. Next to him, Hera was silently watching over him.

He didn't know what to expect from here on out, so he thought that he should continue to raise his abilities even if only a little.

Although there was only Yurikago with him right now, he was actually raising his level in front of her. In more normal circumstances, he would never do such an action in front of others, however, just this once he thought that it was necessary in order to accomplish his objectives.

「Although this may be trivial of me to ask, is there any significance to your current actions?」

「I'm getting stronger」

Yurikago was just staring at him in silence for a while but, she finally got curious enough to ask him what he was doing.

Taiyou responded to her question in a joking tone.

「Kung fu?」

「That's right」

「.....You, do you actually think that something you watched in some anime could be applied to real life? 」

「Why do you reach such a conclusion?」

「Well, I mean it seems that you aren't able to distinguish between reality and make believe」

「I can distinguish! I'm just a normal person! I'm not crazy enough to think that doing this will actually teach me Kung Fu」

「Then why are you doing such a thing?」

「.....It's for my mental concentration. When I do this, I can settle down my feelings easier and focus」

Taiyou took a deep breath and answered her.

This was not a complete lie, gathering experience did in fact have that calming effect on Taiyou. Piling up enough experience in order to gain a level and increase his stats. For Taiyou this was the ultimate form of mind and soul healing.

Of course, he didn't mention the fact that this action was just a small part of the truth.

「Well, If that's the case then I won't stop you」

「.....Are the girls, okay you think? 」

「Those three girls?」

「Yeah」

Taiyou takes of his coat whilst nodding.

In this place, neither Shirokiyami nor the three sisters were here. Yurikago gave the idea/proposition to entrust the three sisters with Shirokiyami.

「They should be fine, after all that woman is guarding them」

「That girl, is she really that amazing?」

「More so than amazing, from what I know, if you compare her amongst her peers within the same generation, without a doubt she is the world's strongest in her field of work」

「Seriously?」

「For real」

「Then why did we separate from her? I mean if she truly is the world's strongest, shouldn't we include her as part of our war potential in this plan? 」

「After all she is still in her teens. .....She is not easily controlled. If we give her simple orders she will be able to accomplish it without fail, but for her to follow more complex details, her judgment in the scene in important moments aren't exactly the best. In the end, she is just one really strong person」

「.....Is it like an NPC? 」

Taiyou was able to come up with this image after hearing Yurikago's explanation. In the games Taiyou often played, there were plenty of NPC with similar characteristics.....Whilst they were indeed extremely strong, the player could not have direct access to them and they could only cooperate automatically. Though they are far stronger than the player character, their movements are usually dictated by a computer and as such they are unable to make the best decisions when the situation

becomes overly complex.

Yurikago's explanation was quite short, but when he thought about Shirokiyami's personality, he was becoming more convinced that this would be the case for her.

「If we think about what we are trying to accomplish here, I believe your abilities will be much more convenient for this plan. Furthermore, you seem to think like me, so it will be easier to set things in motion」

「I understand」

Taiyou nods, if that was the case, then he definitely agrees.

Whilst he was continuing to accumulate his experience points, this time around, he was the one to ask Yurikago a question.

「Hey, who on earth are you exactly?」

「Me?」

「Yeah, To begin with, what is your real name? Yurikago is obviously a fake name right? It's not your conventional type of name, besides it sounds like a stage name that you thought up on the spot. If your name was Youran the way in which you would write cradle/basket, then even that would make more sense than Yurikago」

「Isn't fine to leave it as Yurikago? If you don't know about my real

name, is there going to be some sort of a problem? 」

「I don't really mind whatever name you choose, but I still want to know about your true colors. If until the last moment I still don't know your real intentions, when there comes a time for me to make a decision about whether or not to trust you, it will become that much harder to believe in you」

「Is that so?.....Well when that situation comes, do what you must, isn't it fine that way? And if you were placed in a situation where you need to make such a decision, even if you knew my true colors how would that change anything regardless?」

「……」

Taiyou nods and without changing his tone of speaking he continued.

「Well even if you don't tell me, I think I have a general idea of who you are」

「What did you say?」

「Ahh, you don't have to be that vigilant, I don't really know anything major about you. I simply think that you must be an Ojou-sama (young lady) of some rich family.

「.....Why do you think that? 」

「It's your atmosphere」

Taiyou was still performing his fluid series of movements of picking up his coat right after dropping it to the ground, when he pointed at Yurikago.

「Since we met in the Ohashi Bridge up till now, your appearance has been consistent. I suppose it can be described as someone who seems "resilient"」

「Isn't it because of the way I speak? And the fact that my eyes are always narrowed. Even I am conscious of such things」

「Well that is also true but……Well the thing about your eyes being narrowed is not really true……but beside the point. I am talking more about your upper-body」

「My upper-body?」

Yurikago's glance drops to her own body, after that she quickly hides her own breasts and glares at Taiyou. Her cheek slightly blushed, it was like she noticed that Taiyou was seeing her girlish parts for the first time.

「No, it's not about your boobs」

Taiyou quietly points it out. The reason he didn't give her a loud retort was because he found the peculiar aspect of Yurikago that he was about to say quite pleasant.

「Your back….No, it's probably better for me to say your muscles along the spine. When I look at your posture it's almost as if you swallowed down some sort of pole, and with that pinned to the ground you have a really nice posture. Even when you stand up or if you sit down, even whilst you are walking, you always have a good posture…..always」(TL: I guess he is implying that a girl from a rich family always stands tall because of the etiquette they were taught when growing up)

After hearing Taiyou explanation, Yurikago slowly relaxes and lowers her hands from hiding her breasts, but she was still keeping a vigilant look on her face.

Taiyou felt that his guess hit right on the mark.

Having a stable proper posture is how an Ojou-sama would have been brought up, her tone of voice, expressions and other mannerisms in which she conducts herself does not seem to be made up. However she also seems to have a wild side to her personality mixed in. Taiyou was becoming increasingly interested in knowing her true colors.

Chapter 32: Lincoln

「That is……No never mind」(Yurikago Speaking)

Yurikago was about to make some sort of a rebuttal, but she shook her head and swallowed her words back down.

「Abraham Lincoln……America's former President of the United States, he said a few words which really stuck with me. When someone passes 40 years of age, a person should take responsibility for his own face, that's what he said」(Yurikago Speaking)

「Hmm?」(Taiyou Speaking)

Taiyou inclined his neck a little and gave her a look which said, "Why are you suddenly talking about such a thing?" Yurikago was being really roundabout in the way she spoke, this was totally unlike her usual self.

「Don't look at me with those eyes, it's not really that Philosophical. I'm not suddenly turning into Sakura, I don't have an interest in such things. What I am talking about is, the muscles of the face will form wrinkles and such when making familiar expressions he/she has made in their life, that's what I am referring to」

「An expression one is familiar with?」

I repeated her words like a mechanical parrot whilst having one hand

on my cheek.

「Yes, Someone who has been smiling their whole life, will develop strong muscles to make a big grin, people who are quick to get angry on the other hand, will have scary eyes and this will be fixed on their faces, people who like to talk cynically to others will have their mouth distorted…….That kind of thing」

「Ahh, I suppose that how it is」

Taiyou thought that this was the truth.

It is natural that when a part of the body repeatedly does the same motions for their whole life, the body will optimize itself so as to fit a more convenient shape for that person.

「Most of a child's features if they are new-born babies will come from their parents, however once someone reaches the age of 40, the shape of their face will be made by how they lived their lives. Thus, if you reach that age of adulthood, then you should be able to take responsibility for the choices you've made in life, that's what those words mean」(Yurikago Speaking)

「It's similar to the words said by Mother Theresa」(Taiyou Speaking)

「In her scenario, it's about looking towards the future」(Yurikago Speaking)

「Indeed」(Taiyou Speaking)

「Yeah」(Yurikago Speaking)

Yurikago cut their conversation for a little while, and after letting out a sigh she continued.

「Therefore, I plan to thoroughly take care of my face. Although only my face」(TL: “Every man over forty is responsible for his face.” these are the exact words as quoted from Lincoln, the story goes when he was advised to hire a certain man in his cabinet, he refused even though that man could have been a valuable asset. The moral of the story was not the fact that he found the man’s face ugly, but his features showed Lincoln that the man had an ugly personality and a bad disposition)

「Ahh, so you are saying that a person’s face can reflect their personality, right?」

Coming this far into the conversation, Taiyou finally understood what she was trying to say.

「However, in reality as well as metaphorically, a person’s attitude will remain the same for their whole life」(Taiyou Speaking)

「I know that…..」(Yurikago Speaking)

Yurikago lets out a sigh and hangs her head down in dejection. Taiyou could somehow feel grace from her small gesture, and it reconfirmed his beliefs about her being an Ojou-sama from a well-off family.

「Are you that unhappy that I managed to expose your true colors?」

「That much is obvious, but」

「But?」

「More than that I am disappointed in my own worthlessness. If I take the words of Lincoln to heart, I loathe myself who is unable to see my own true nature」

「That is being a little too harsh on yourself isn't it?」

「……」

Yurikago refuses to comment on Taiyou's words as she turned her body away, she sealed her lips and stayed quiet after that.

She doesn't want to say anything more, there was an implicit nuance and Taiyou could read it from her body language, so he also felt no need to pursuit the matter any further.

Knowing anymore about her background, at least in this place and the things they were about to do from here on out, was irrelevant to the task at hand.

What was the most important thing to Taiyou right now, was achieving his objectives and the means to achieve it.

Yurikago has the intentions of obstructing the『Blood Soul Plan』. That was also the main objective that Taiyou wanted to accomplish, and Yurikago's true colors had no influence that would affect the matter in a negative way.

Even if he took the presumption to its limits and said that Yurikago's true nature was a 700 year old vampire, or a Martian who came from 100 years in the future, all Taiyou wanted out of her was the fact that she planned to obstruct this project together with him, so that he could regain peace for the three sisters.

Thus, Taiyou decided that he did not want to overstep his boundaries. Having pointed out her true colors, was only because it flowed naturally into the conversation, and he just went with the flow.

He was the kind of guy, which would not ask about it, if a woman did not wish to speak about it. The atmosphere inside the room was becoming a little heavy, Taiyou was still continuing to earnestly gather up experience points.

Before the beginning of the operation, he still had some time left. Until then, if it was possible he wanted to raise at least 1 or even 2 levels.

Pasa, Shuru, Pasa Shuru. (sfx of him taking his jacket off and putting it on)

He continued to whole-heartedly perform his actions, suddenly Hera who was keeping silent watch until now suddenly burst into a dance.

It was the level up dance……He wasn't really sure if that is what the name of the dance was but, it was the movements he has seen Hera do many times in the past.

Taiyou silently nodded towards her. Before they came into this room, they already predetermined how they would communicate silently with each other.

As per usual, a huge torrent of figures flowed into Taiyou's brain.

Taiyou became Level 6. His strength value rose up to 42, just as he wished, the fighting power he wanted to increase was definitely higher now.

(Just how strong is a strength value of 42?)

Naturally he had a little bit of doubt.

When his power was at 30, he was already able to bare-handedly pulverize a concrete wall and manage to snap off a steel sword. In this case, just how crazy would a value of 42 be?

He thought that he needed to experiment and find the answer some time in the near future.

Taiyou gave Yurikago a quick glance and she turned her back towards him. Confirming that Yurikago was looking away, he quickly turned towards Hera, and mouthed out the words.

「What–is–the–next–method—to—gain–exp?」

Although his facial expressions were a little strange because he wasn't able to just speak the words out loud, the message was conveyed successfully.

Hera was just vacantly staring at him momentarily, before long she understood his words.

「Tayiou-chan you still want to continue〜? Didn't you just level up moment's ago〜? 」

「Continue」

「Is that so, I understand. Umm, the next thing is〜」

Hera flew towards the window. Though she passed by Yurikago on her way to the window, her existence was completely concealed from Yurikago so she showed absolutely no reaction.

「Over here Taiyou-chan, you need to come here〜」

Taiyou headed towards the window side in silence. Taiyou also passed by Yurikago, but this time she was looking at him with suspicious eyes.

He disregarded her gaze and stands next to Hera.

「It's here～」

He silently watches Hera and gave her a questioning look "Exactly what am I supposed to do here?".

「Open the window, and then afterwards you need to close it. And after you closed it, open it up again～」

Hera was explaining this to him with a smile.

When he first met her, Taiyou would often object to the ridiculous things Hera made him do and this would unnecessarily prolong his experience gain. Since the time he was made to dig up holes, this is the sixth kind of method in which he needed to perform to gain experience.

After coming this far, he realized that the actions he would have to perform would be ridiculous, and most likely all of the actions Hera would give him hereafter would seem like a "futile" actions.

Piling up those blocks, before smashing them down.

Digging up a hole, and then burying the hole.

Turning a coin repeatedly from heads to tails.

Taking off the jacket and then putting it on again.

And, opening a window, and then closing that window shut.

It was filled with pointless actions, and the one thing that was consistent was that they were all very repetitive laborious work.

Taiyou who was getting accustomed to being thrown into these types of situations, barely had any energy left to give a rebuttal towards Hera and just accepted the situation for what it was.

With the aim of reaching Level 7, Taiyou was accumulating his experience points.

Garagaragara, Garagaragaradon! (Sound of window opening and closing)

The window is opened, the window is closed shut. The moment it was fully closed, he opens it up and then closes it again.

If someone was to watch him do such a thing, they would start to doubt his sanity.

Naturally, Yurikago was starting to become worried.

「You, what are you doing?」

「Please don't mind it」

「You got a sickness of some kind?」

「The more I close this window, the stronger I become……..Please just think of it like that」

「You aren't even drunk…..」

Garagaragara, Garagaragaradon!

Whilst replying to Yurikago in a forced smile, Taiyou continued to open and close the window.

Hera was smiling radiantly as she watched Taiyou, but for somebody like Yurikago who had no idea what he was actually doing, she started to knit her eyebrow more and more.

「Hey, that is really annoying, don't you think you can stop it?」

「Even if I tell you that I will surely get stronger doing this?」

「That's a load of Bull—」

Yurikago was about to deny him, and Taiyou looked towards her over his shoulders.

She swallowed her words, looking at how serious of an expression

Taiyou actually had on his face, she hesitated a little.

「……..Seriously? 」

「I can say with confidence that if you don’t see me getting stronger during the mission, I will gladly let you call me an ambulance to go straight to the mental hospital……Would this answer of mine be sufficient to convince you? 」

「You are really similar to Sakura」

「Didn’t you also say previously that we were alike」

「Ugee……」 (Ack)

Getting it straightforwardly pointed out to her, she had an unpleasant face.

「Well, even if I say this, it doesn’t mean that you are similar to Sakura」

「That is obvious, I can’t stand being compared to such a person」

She spoke about Sakura as if she was spitting out poison, and then she looked straight at Taiyou again.

「Will you truly get stronger doing that?」

「It's true」

「In that case, I will endure it」

「I am grateful」

「It's not like I can complain, the person I am trying to make use of is, increasing his own utility value for me」

「Isn't it praiseworthy?」

Yurikago let out a smirk, and then she turned her face and body away from his direction.

Although it was good to communicate solutions in a practical manner like he did with Yurikago, on the opposite end of the spectrum, he also did not dislike the conversations he shared with Sakura even if it was slightly more theoretical and roundabout.

Even whilst thinking about such things, Taiyou continued to increase his pace of opening up the window and closing it.

And by the time that the plan was about to be set into motion, and the strategies were about to be discussed.

He had already reached Level 7 and his strength value became 51.

Chapter 33: Blood Energy ~ Blood Soul

The window was opened and closed at a rapid pace, Taiyou had reached level 7. right at this moment the power he needed the most had been gradually increasing, Just before he left the hiding area, he used two of his fingers to grip on the metallic window frame, using merely his thumb and index finger he crushed the metal frame like it was butter, that was the kind of power he obtained thus far.

After checking his abilities numerous amount of times, he decided that this “power” could also be referred to as “physical strength”. In other words, there would be a direct correlation between his hand grip and his physical strength.

He had the physical strength that could crush rocks and bend metal, in addition he also had a specific ability which allowed him to nullify all long range attacks.

Those were the two abilities he possessed at the present time.

Even so, Taiyou was not able to fully feel relieved. According to what Hera told him, if and when he reached level 10, he would be able to acquire some other new skill, if possible he wanted to raise his level to that extent, but it couldn’t really be helped, there was just not enough time at this juncture.

He remembered back to when he had to choose a skill at level 5, if at that point in time he chose “Super Armor” instead of long distance immunity, this probably would have been much more compatible with his current fighting style. Considering that he had a vast knowledge in

terms of gaming skills and their effects from playing numerous games, if he had “Super Armor” he probably could have become an indestructible force that would dominate in close quarters combat.

Although he wanted to go back and change his decision…..

(I suppose it’s useless to complain about the things I will never have)

He quickly gave up on that thought, and decided to make do with the abilities he already acquired.

The hour hand of the clock approaches 12 am, and changes into a completely new date.

Taiyou and Yurikago went out of their hiding spot, and started to go near the research facility.

They were concealing themselves in the shadows of the research facility, the two people were facing each other as a dim street light shone on their faces.

「Then as a last precaution, allow me to review our victory condition before commencing the plan」

「”the victory condition”, these are words you would not normally use」

「Well aren’t you a gamer? I thought that if I used those words, it will become easier for you to understand? 」

「Well I suppose so..」

Taiyou let out a forced smile.

It wasn't like she said that he couldn't understand unless she talked in "gamer terms", but she was definitely implying that he was nerdy enough for her to want to use such terms to make him better understand.

「Anyways, let me continue on with the victory condition, alright? There are two conditions, and if neither is fulfilled it will all become useless–」

After saying such a thing, Taiyou was slightly taken aback. Taiyou was looking at her gaze in order to discern her intentions and he quickly grasped the situation.

「Ahh, Alright. What you are saying is both conditions are of extreme importance and both must be fulfilled, right? 」

「That is the case. Then let's go over the first condition. We need to sneak into the facility, and establish a connection with their terminal to an outside network, we then need to take a part of the essential information within the system and take that home with us」

Yurikago put up her index finger to signify that she was referring to the "first" step.

「A part of? Why don't we just take all the information we can get? Ahh,

is it because the terminal is not connected to the internet, so it is impossible to do so?」

「No, that's not the problem」

Yurikago lets out a mischievous smile.

「I plan to leak out the stolen information to mass communication services, the thing is, leaking out a bundle of massive information isn't really efficient, instead it is much better to give out the juicy pieces of information in order to incite public outrage」

「What you mean is……」

Taiyou places his hand on his jaw, and takes on the thinker pose.

「So for instance, when there is some sort of cheating scandal with a famous celebrity, you only have to release information about the newest guy. When the media lets out information that is exciting, yet doesn't disclose all the information. At that point in time, the people will be driven to find out what happened in order to get the latest scoop」

「I see, however, what is the difference if we just let out all the information? Isn't the results…. going to be the same regardless?」

「There is a considerable difference, the motivation of the public is also important to consider. It is all for the purpose of creating a small spark, and blowing it into a big flame」

「.....I see」

Taiyou nodded slightly, although he doesn't understand all the subtleties of what she said, he just accepted her word for it.

Yurikago extends her middle finger, to signify the "second" condition, and she made a V-sign.

「The second condition, when we begin our escape, I need to be able to get out of the facility by any means necessary 」

「Hm? Isn't that obvious?.....」

「This isn't something trivial」

Yurikago cut Taiyou off in the middle of his speech and looked at Taiyou with a serious face.

「I'm not talking about the fact that my life is precious. I am not even saying that I need to get out unharmed, the fundamental thing is that I need to erase my presence from ever being within that facility」

「What is this about?」

「I will go as far as saying that in the worst case scenario. Rather than getting caught by them, I want you to kill me, and completely destroy my corpse so that it will not be distinguishable」

Yurikago spoke this with a cold-heartedness.

It seemed as if she was trying to confirm whether Taiyou could do this for her, but he did not answer her back.

Hearing such savage words come out of her mouth had obviously made Taiyou speechless. Although she prefaced it by saying that it was not a trivial matter, he did not expect for her to actually go that far.

「Is that clear? Keep these two conditions always in your mind, as we commence the mission. Then, let's begin the—-」

「Wait, just hang on for a second」

「What?」

Yurikago puckers up her eyebrows, and it seemed that she was getting a little irritated.

「Those words you just said.....Why does it have to be like that? I mean I understand why you wouldn't want to hand yourself over to them, and I won't question you for that decision, however, I can't comprehend why you would rather be killed in the worst case scenario」

「Asking this kind of thing, what do you expect me to say? Besides is there even a need for you to know about such a thing? 」

Yurikago gave a fierce and cold counterattack, which nearly caused Taiyou to lose his words again, but this time, he recovered at once and spoke back.

「There is」

He answered back clearly.

「I am but a mere high school student, Although I am not going to be selecting the “means” for this plan, and I want to accomplish my “objectives”, but this task you have given…….The last task of potentially having to kill you with my own hands, this “means” is ridiculous. If you are asking for such a thing, than you are asking too much from me. If you are unable to tell me the reasoning for such a drastic measure, when the time comes for me to make a choice…….it will be impossible to not hesitate」

「Indeed, that may also be the case」

Yurikago closes her eyes, and lets out a small sigh.

「I’m sorry, I didn’t take that into consideration. It’s my mistake」

「No, I wasn’t trying to place the blame on you or ask you to take responsibility—」

「I understand, in regards to that matter, I will take care of it myself when the time comes. When it comes down to it, you just have to make sure to get away as far away from me as possible so you don’t get caught

up in it」

「Wait!」

「What?」

「Don't give me that crap! What was that? Are you trying to tell me that when it comes down to it, you are going to take your own life?!」

「It is so, is there anything for you to complain about?」

「Obviously there is a problem, talking in that sort of manner……Saying that sort of thing, how could it be possible for me to calm down? 」

「Get over it. Even if I were to suicide… no, it's not even about that, is it? Let me ask you this, even if I did decide to take my own life, will there be some sort of conflict or disadvantage to your "objectives"? Or will you be hindered in some way? 」

「Indeed, if you are referring to my "objectives"……Then in that sense there will be no conflicts」

「In that case–」

Yurikago was about to declare her finishing statement, but Taiyou predicted her words and gripped unto her wrist. (sfx grip)

Yurikago's body temperature was transmitted to his palm.

At the same time, his mind kicked into overdrive mode and in an extreme way, his mind rapidly settled down and he felt his head cooling. Taiyou was originally a man who when he experienced a certain threshold of anger or sadness, those kind of strong emotions would suddenly be cooled and he would be calm. However this time around that calmness—was not the usual kind of detachment he usually showed, this exceeded the boundaries of his normal reaction.

The thoughtless words she spewed out of her mouth in regards to "death" that unusual term which one would rarely hear about in ordinary life, really ticked him off. It was as if he became a third party that was looking down on the situation from above, watching both himself and Yurikago that was the feeling he had right now.

「Let me go」

「Then, you must first clarify‥. Why would it be necessary to go that far? What is the reason that you must be killed if push comes to shove? 」

「Like I said, what has that got to do with you?」

「It is not irrelevant any longer, If you won't tell me what it is, then the worst case scenario may be that this plan will never succeed」

「You are so persistent, all you have to do is follow my plans, you don't have to worry about anything else 」

「If you wanted something like this to be done, wouldn't it have been better to just call Shirokiyami?」

「That's true, if it was her, she wouldn't have blinked for even a second at my request」

「I also think that is the case」

With her wrist still being firmly gripped, Taiyou nods his head.

「However, you asked for my help」

「So you are saying, I have to tell you?」

「It was your own mistake to assumed that I wouldn't demand for an explanation. It will be necessary for you to pay for that mistake」

「.....And If I don't want to speak? 」

「I already said this before, but I am merely an ordinary person. When an emergency situation arises, I will place my life on the line if I have to stop you from killing yourself」

「Stop?」

「That's right. That is to say, you will not die, because I will protect you」

「……」

Yurikago has a frustrated expression whilst staying silent.

The silence flows, and both Yurikago and Taiyou just stood there as they stared at each other for a little while.

In that kind of body pose, the two people were glaring at each other.

It was likely that her circumstances really had no bearing or negative effect for Taiyou, nor did it relate to being able to successfully save the three sisters from harm.

Even still, Taiyou could not help but hear the reason. If there came an emergency situation, there was no way that he could just abandon her and run away by himself.

No matter what, Taiyou was resolute in making her answer this question.

「How about I answer that question for her instead?」

Suddenly, whilst the two people were still staring at each other, a voice came out from the side. Although the mysterious voice seemed to be young, there was a clear will and determination which flowed out.

When he turned around. The figure of a little girl, who was stark naked and only being wrapped in silk, was standing in front of him.

Chapter 34: Transparent Loli Baba

First he was doubting his eyes, then he was doubting his consciousness.

That was how bizarre the appearance of the person in front of him was, he didn't know whether she was real, and if he could even touch her or not.

Her height is around 130 centimeters, she had a baby face and a bobbed haircut. It reminded him of the zashiki warashi. (TL: Zashiki-warashi is a Japanese demon, known as a yokai) The clothes she was wearing was a see-through one piece dress, and it would seem that she wasn't wearing any undergarments. Additionally, she was in a pose that generously showed off her body.

Although she looked like a little girl, she had a very promiscuous pose.

Seeing such a person in front of him, it couldn't be helped that Taiyou was feeling embarassed.

「What's the matter? You are staring at me so much. Do I look so adorable, that I've made you want to give me some candy? 」

「If I start giving out candy here, this will clearly tick the children crime box! Also stop calling yourself adorable! 」

「Hm? But I am Cut—」(Cute)

「Like I said, please don't say it!」

Taiyou lets out a large voice, and interrupts the little girl's dialog.

「If you connect those two things, a bad thing will happen」

「How difficult, I thought that this kind of expression was universal. The Japanese language is gradually becoming more inconvenient」

「There is no connection with Japanese. If you really want to call yourself adorable, at least use the correct first person pronoun to refer to yourself. To begin with, why are you using "Washi" to refer to yourself? 」(TL: she is using the words わし(washi) this is a term is a normally used by elderly males to refer to themselves)

「But I am using the correct first person pronoun which corresponds with my age」

The little girl, tilts her head in an adorable manner.

「Corresponds with your age?」

「Umu, It corresponds with my age. For a woman of my age it's obvious that I would use『Washi』or『Ore』to refer to myself.『Atashiya』is another way I can refer to myself, but it makes me sound like a weak and frail person」

「Ore……Atashiya……? 」

She pointed out three different ways in which she could refer to herself in first person. Taiyou started to think for a while, after seeing how casually the little girl referred to herself in Washi.

Suddenly, he began to connect the dots.

Washi, Ore, Atashiya. He started putting the pieces of the puzzle together, and realized that all three ways to refer to herself could be used by an older aged woman. In other words, when she said these were the words suitable for her age, it was implying that she was an old woman.

Inside, she was an old women, yet her looks seem to be a young little girl.

A very young looking old woman.

Suddenly, a word that existed within Taiyou's head floated across his mind.

—Loli Baba.

(Illustration: Loli Baba)

Although the external appearance is that of a young girl, the mind and soul……..the inner workings of the person were at an advanced age. In recent years, people have started to call such a girl the “Beautiful Witch”, But Taiyou understood it intuitively, and if he had to choose between the two words, Taiyou liked to refer to these girls as the “Loli Baba”.

Is she truly a Loli Baba?…..As such thoughts passed his mind, he received another flash of inspiration.

It was in regards to the female limitation Sakura talked about, after growing up normally to the age of 10, their aging would stop and they would retain their youthful looks for the rest of their lives, although their internal organs would still continue to age and grow weaker which would inevitably lead them to die, looking young.

「Are you one of those girls? The “Eternally Little”.....?」

「Umu, Some might also refer to me as an unsold old housemaid」

「Orudo.....?」(TL: he’s saying old)

Taiyou was puzzled due to hearing words he was not accustomed to hearing He understood from the flow of the conversation that this was some sort of way to refer to her, but the meaning of her words were unable to be understood.

He intuitively understood the meaning of Eternally Little as a way to describe her being small for all eternity, but he didn’t understand how that related to her being an old housemaid.

Whilst Taiyou was still looking doubtful, Yurikago slipped herself into the conversation.

「Azumaya Kohaku, What are you doing out here with that kind of appearance?」

Yurikago knits her beautifully shaped eyebrows, she really seemed to have an unpleasant face. It would seem that Yurikago knew the true

colors of the young looking old woman standing in front of her, as she called her by the name “Kohaku”, however, just like Taiyou, Yurikago was also doubting why she was out here with that kind of appearance.

「Umu? This is my everyday clothing, is there a problem? 」

Kohaku, lifts up her see-through skirt as she answers. Although she raised the hem of her skirt to the very limits before revealing her crotch area, to begin with it was already transparent so it wasn’t like anything changed.

「You are telling me, that’s your everyday clothing?!」

「That’s right. These clothes are really comfy, they feel great on the skin, and it’s really easy to move around in. During Spring and Summer I always wear these clothes, is there something weird about them? 」

「Of course it’s weird, to go that far and disregard the normal standards of clothing is being ignorant of the fundamental point」

「The fundamental point, what’s that?」

Kohaku tilts her head in puzzlement. Yurikago was just staring at Kohaku.

「Your external appearance. Wearing such transparent clothing and appearing before a man……As a woman aren’t you the least bit ashamed of yourself?」

「Kukuku, For a woman who exceeds the age of 80, calling me a woman is inappropriate, you would do well to remember this fact」

Kohaku says this whilst giving a chuckle under her breath. Taiyou took a little bit of time to process the information.

「80?」

「Umu, Allow me to reintroduce myself. My name is Azumaya Kohaku, you may call me by Kohaku-tan, if you so wish. If you are willing to call me by “Kohaku-tan” then I shall permit you to pant whilst you cling to my behind, how about it? 」(TL: “-tan” is another version of “-chan” (which is another informal way to address: female family members, lovers, close friends, intimate friends).

「As if I’d call you that?! And who would do such a thing?!」

「By the way, when you call my name, I will be counting on you to imagine my name in Hiragana」(TL: her name in Hiragana means Amber. Basically, she want’s him to imagine her name as: Beautiful, Soft and sticky, hue hue read comments for more info)

「Like I said, I ain’t going to call your name like that!」

「That is such a shame. Although I may look like this, I am a fully-fledged grown woman biologically speaking」

「Yeah I can see that already!」

「Then allow me to tell you something you may not be aware of. This year since the date of my birth, I am approaching the age of 87」

「87 years old? You were born 87 years ago? 」

「That's right」

「……..During the Taishou Era? 」

「Are you an idiot?」

「It's regrettable but I was born in the Showa Era」(this is 1926-1989)

Showa period. He spoke the words as if reciting them, he looked at her in amazement as he became at a loss for words.

「What, it seems that you still don't understand?」

「That's…..To be expected isn't it? I mean you started talking about the Showa Era. If you told me you were born in the Heisei Era, then I would be convinced but this is….」 (Heisei Era: 1990's)

"To think that you were born such a long time ago", Taiyou refrained from speaking out such words.

「Umu, will it be easier for you to imagine it if I told you that I was born in the same time frame as the time the Aircraft Carrier Akagi was made?」

「It won't! And why are you suddenly talking about Aircraft Carriers? 」

「That game was so wonderful, it brings back such nostalgic memories one after another……It makes me feel as if I was in some sort of class reunion」

「That kind of thing is not a game!」(TL: Aircraft Carrier Akagi is a reference to the Kantai Collection game Kancolle, contributed via members in the comments section, ty guys ! Although it is also a real Imperial Japanese Navy AKA the "Red Castle" it was built in the 1920's hence the same time frame in which Kohaku was born)

Taiyou cuts off the conversation she was making and once again took a good look at Kohaku.

She really didn't wear anything down there, she was a young looking old woman who was wearing a transparent see-through one piece silk dress. Her appearance seems to be somewhere around a 10 year old girl, however she claims to have exceeded the age of 80, she also speaks in an elderly way.

Taiyou just couldn't put his head around such an existence.

Whilst thinking such things, Yurikago began to talk to Kohaku once again.

「Hey, aren't you going to change out of that? I already understand the fact that you are an old woman deep inside, but we have a beast with us right here」

「What do you mean by calling me a beast Oi!」

「It means that you are a Lolicon」

「I ain't a Lolicon, alright?!」

「Fu～n(exhale), is that so? But you also made the youngest of the three sisters into one of your lovers, right? 」

「Uuu」

Taiyou didn't know how to answer back.

The youngest of the three sisters— Kazane had the same face as her two other sisters but in terms of her height and her physique, she could be compared to a grade-schooler. Honestly speaking rather than wearing her school uniform, it would suit her externals more if she wore a yellow hat and a red backpack.

Because it was true that the girl named Kazane did exist, Taiyou couldn't really object immediately to the disgrace of being called a Lolicon.

「Hou? Thou are a Lolicon? Well I don't particularly have any qualms

with that, after all a high school kid like you who is still wet behind the ears, probably has a lot of “frustrations” that he needs to take care of」

「You talk big for someone who is classified as an old housemaid」

Yurikago spoke back towards Kohaku in an amazed tone. Taiyou could only hear words which he was unaccustomed to hearing, and he could not pinpoint her exact intentions in all of this.

「Kukuku. Well then shall we return to the subject at hand? 」

「The real issue?....Ah, Yurikago’s plan」

「Yurikago?」

Kohaku has a dubious expression on her face as she repeats the name and looks towards Yurikago.

「Are you going by such a name?」

「Is it bad?」

「For being able to make someone cooperate with you without even telling them your real name, you have my admiration. Although a true Japanese person would be introducing themselves honestly and take more responsibility of their actions」

「That kind of thing is an old tradition from a cliched era」

「Ahh, As I thought, Yurikago was an alias wasn't it?」

「That is correct」

Kohaku declares so whilst looking at Yurikago.

「If she won't tell you herself what her name is, allow me to tell you in her stead」

Yurikago falls silent whilst being astonished at Kohaku, seeing she wasn't going to speak any time soon, Kohaku turns towards Taiyou.

「In that case, It seems that I will be the one to tell you her name」

「Ah, ahh……」

「Her name is Junishima Youran, she is the Junishima clan's "Princess"」

Taiyou did not anticipate that she would be from the Junishima clan. Taiyou rapidly turned around to face the girl with the twin-tails and looked at her in completely shock.

Chapter 35: Loli Kiss

「Junishima Youran?」

Taiyou repeated the name he just heard from Kohaku.

And he looked towards Yurikago, she was glaring at Kohaku with a face full of displeasure. Seeing her in such a bad mood probably meant that what Kohaku said was the truth.

In other words, it was her real name.

When Taiyou was thinking about what could be wrong with having such a name.

He suddenly realized something.

「Having the name Junishima, are you perhaps a relative of Sakura?」

「Junishima Sakura? Umu, I heard that they were half-sisters born of different mothers. Sakura wasn't born from a legal wife nor was it from one of the concubines, she is apparently a child born from a mistress」

「Is that so?」

「Who cares about such a thing」

Youran brushes it off as if it was something really trivial.

「Is that so? No hang on a minute, if you and Sakura are sisters, then why are you trying to hinder her plans? Is it because she is your half-sister? 」

「It can't be explained in such a simple manner」

Youran let's out a sigh and displays an expression of resignation.

「You, how much do you know about the Junishima clan?」

「.....To put it bluntly, it's to the level that I don't even know how to write the name. Sakura has mentioned that it was a way of writing that was an unimaginable, and it was writing Island twelve times in a row『Shima, Shima, Shima, Shima, Shima ,Shima, Shima, Shima ,Shima, Shima, Shima, Shima』」(TL: Juni= twelve, Shima= islands)

「Kukuku, To come up with something like writing Shima twelve times, what an interesting way of thinking. If that was truly how it was supposed to be written, I wouldn't be surprised if it appeared in the Guinness book of records. That's because the longest family name in the history of this country is at best 5 characters」(Kohaku speaking)

「Then how do you write it?」

「It uses the character『双』from the first part of the kanji for “twins”, the Chinese numeral for『六(six)』and lastly the kanji for『島(Island)』, combined together it is『双六島』」

「Pair.....Six.....Island. Ahh, so because there are a pair of two sixes, it totals to 12. Indeed, if you weren’t told how to write it directly, it would be hard to reach such a conclusion by yourself. To be frank, after seeing the characters I assumed that it was read as “Sugorokushima”」(TL: Sugoroku 双六, is a traditional Japanese board game played with dice)

「Well Japanese family names are often derived from geographical locations」(TL: some examples: Yama= mountain is very commonly used by Japanese people or Mura for village etc)

「Ahh, In the case of Westerners, they have a lot of their family names based on occupations」(TL: example: James Baker, Fabbri =blacksmith, Chandler= candle seller/maker)

「Even Junishima is a place name. In Japan the Junishima island is the third largest island located on the Sea side of Japan. Also, the Junishima family has been the landowner of the island for over 1000 years」

「Hee」

「And, I am a daughter from that family. So is that foolish woman over there」

「You aren’t just a mere daughter, isn’t that so?」

Kohaku chuckles as she says this.

「What do you mean?」

「She is born from the eldest son of the Junishima clan, this would mean that she is the next candidate who is supposed to lead the family as head of the clan, she kind of like a “Princess”. She also has an official name she is addressed with by her subordinates」

「Hee……」

Taiyou leaks out a voice of awe, he didn’t think much of her having an official name, but when it was mentioned that she was the rightful successor, he frankly thought that she was amazing.

Seeing such a reaction from Taiyou, Kohaku couldn’t help but let out a smile.

「It seems that you have yet to fully understand the implications of this situation?」

「Hm? What do you mean? 」

「Allow me to ask, can you imagine what kind of place the Junishima island is?」

「That is….Isn’t it an island, and it is the third largest island within Japan? …..Wait a minute, if it’s the third largest island in Japan, just how

big is the island? And you are saying that they own the whole thing?」

「Finally you have begun to grasp the magnitude of the situation. Well in this case, although the mysterious size of the island is not a trivial thing, it is of secondary importance. The important factor to note is the population of the people on the island」

「Population?」

「Yes, the Village of Junishima. Over one million people live in that village, it is the most populous village in Japan」

「……Did you say one million people!?」

Taiyou gasped and he rapidly turned towards Youran.

The girl with the twin tails had a cold indifferent expression on her face. Although she didn't affirm the statements made she also didn't deny their validity, she had a look on her face which implied the truth in Kohaku's words.

「It can't be? How can there be a village with one million people in it?」

「In this country there is no such thing as an automatic promotion of a village, the law of this country states that as long as the village doesn't apply for it, it will continue being classified as a village……Regardless of the fact that it has 1 million people living in it or 120 million people」

「So obviously the Junishima clan has purposely withheld from applying to fix their status, however why would they do such a thing?—-」

「Isn’t this enough?」

Taiyou was about to further question the fact, but Youran interrupted their conversation with a firm tone.

「That kind of story, is unrelated to our current situation」

「I suppose so, the important thing to note is that Junishima Youran is the first candidate to be the person who will stand on top of these one million villagers and the one who gets to control them in the future. And the important thing to note is that. Although it may be called a “village”, if all those people were to gather, the person who will stand at the top will have an extremely strong amount of influence. Being the village chief……Will naturally mean that person will have the most influence within their grasp. In other words, Junishima Island is like a country within Japan, the village chief is akin to a sort of a king which rules a country」

「…….So, could it be that there is some sort of a power struggle? 」

「The correct assertion」

Kohaku grins whilst nodding her head.

「Although she is the first candidate of choice, it does not mean that it will be a peaceful road to obtain supremacy. If any sort of weakness is

shown, it will be quickly taken advantage of in an instant」

「Is that the reason that, in the worst case scenario….She said such a thing」

「That's right. For this particular situation, no matter what she does it doesn't really matter as long as she doesn't get caught in the act」

「Even so, her corresponding action to not get caught is way too excessive…..」

「What do you mean by excessive?」

Kohaku was doubtful, and Taiyou told the words Youran said to him a few moments ago.

Kohaku was in complete agreement with Taiyou.

「It stands to reason. That she is probably the type of person to go to the extremes of being extreme」

「Is that so?」

「Umu, it's something that occurs often with her. For instance, right now she seems to be a man-hater, but if a man who she can fall in love with shows up, she will fall hopelessly and thoroughly in love, and she will be the type to give out her everything to that man」

「Just like that?」

「Umu, From her body, to her heart, even her wealth and power, everything will be given. That's the kind of hopeless girl I see her as」

「Stop talking arbitrarily me behind my back! I am not going to become that sort of a person! 」

Youran shouts out in a loud voice, and frantically denies the statements.

「Na(Hey), don't you think she's that type of person?」(TL: Kohaku is asking for Taiyou's opinion)

「Ahh…..I do get that kind of vibe from her」

「Why are you guys jumping to your own conclusions?! I'm telling you I am not going to become like that, okay?!」

「Yeah, all I can hear you saying is "Oh noo, I will never become such a thing" 」

「That's true, the more she tries to deny it, the more it seems that she's just trying to deny the truth」

「Stop making your own assumptions—」

Youran pouts and turns her face away.

「Aren't you interested in her? If you make her fall for you, you may just become the king of those one million people, you know? Ahh, by the way, when I said the word "fall" I meant the word "degenerate"」 (TL: Kohaku the perv, is basically saying, he should make her lose her mind like in those princess corruption games~)

「Why did you need to mention that specifically?!」

「It's my hobby」

「What kind of hobby is that?!」

「What do you say? If you want to do it, then I will give you a helping hand. And when it becomes successful, all you have to do is provide me with a little bit of compensation」

「By compensation, do you mean money?」

「Nope, for someone like me who do not many years left to live, such a thing is unnecessary. I also have no need for lands or power」

「Then, what is it that you want?」

「I want this—-」

Kohaku says this and suddenly started to lean over to Taiyou. The thin transparent dress she wore and the feeling of her smooth skin brushed

up against Taiyou.

At the same time, an indescribably sweet smell tickled his nose and made his heart skip a beat.

「What are——Nnnmuu!」

He was just about to ask her, but before he could speak, Kohaku already planted a kiss on him.

With such a sudden kiss, it could be said that there was no sign of this before it happened.

With his lips being enclosed, Taiyou was both astonished and perplexed.

After a short time, just like the time when he was kissed, Kohaku was the one who parted from him.

Whilst being totally confused, Taiyou was looking at her.

「Wh, what is……」

「I'm going to take the reward in advance」

「Payment in advance?」

「When the time comes, you can just give me another reward of the same kind」

「Nono, wait, wait wait……」

「What is it? You are being such a stingy man, aren't you? Are you trying to bargain down the compensation? 」

「No, that's not the problem」

「In that case, were you not satisfied with my lips?」

「Uuuu…..」

Taiyou was at a loss for words. It definitely wasn't unpleasant.

More than that, it was actually quite the opposite.

The feeling of her lips when she kissed him, and the rich fragrant aroma that drifted from her body smelled like a dribble of honey. And now she was finishing him off with her abandoned upturned puppy eyes look.

The result was that a fire started to ignite within Taiyou's chest.

It was a sweet-tasting kiss that made both his legs feel a sweet aching all the way to the base of his feet. Even if his mouth was torn apart, the words "not good", it was not possible to say such a thing.

Just when Taiyou was at a loss for what to answer, Kohaku seems to have found something as she points her fingers at something.

「Umu? Hey, can you tell me what that is? 」

「That?」

Taiyou turns his gaze to where she was pointing and when he did, he let out a groan.

What was there, was the appearance of Hera who was supposed to keep silent in accordance to when Taiyou was among other people.

「It’s nice to meet you desuyo〜, I exist for Taiyou’s sake, I am the Level up Fairy Hera nanodesu〜」

Chapter 36: My Heroine wouldn’t have Rape Eyes

「Fumu? What is this about? 」

「Umm….?」

What the heck is going on? More like that was what Taiyou wanted to ask.

The level up fairy and the loli baba were staring at each other.

「Don’t tell me, you can see her?」

「If you are talking about that alien existence right in front of me, then yes I can」

「……」

Taiyou was in a state of blank amazement, and he was troubled at what to do.

Asides from him, Kohaku was holding on to her chin and was fixatedly staring at Hera who was floating in the air.

「Mysterious, it really is an odd appearance you have. With that kind of size, you definitely aren’t a human being」

「Aren't you supposed to be more surprised?」

Taiyou was already worried at what to do, and he was puzzled at the reaction of Kohaku. For someone who just saw Hera's appearance—-the figure of a non-human fairy, her reaction was way too indifferent.

「Have you seen this kind of thing before?」

「No, This is the first time, I have seen the existence of a supernatural being. The reason I am not surprised is because I've seen plenty of weird things. When you reach my age, it's really hard to be surprised at anything」

「As expected of a loli baba nanodesu〜」

「Umu, it seems you have understood」

「Ehmm, hello……」

From the side a nervous Yurikago can be heard.

When I turned to the side, I could see a mixture of a person's expression that was filled with both fright and puzzlement.

「You guys, since a while ago, what are you talking about……Who are you talking to? 」

「Umu? Yes please enlighten me, what is this all about」

Kohaku asks Hera for an explanation.

「The thing is desune, The only people who can see me, are people who have kissed Taiyou-chan desuyo〜」

「Hou, what a pleasant story」

Kohaku's expression turned to that of amusement, and she fell silent.

Looking at her response Yurikago was becoming even more afraid and flustered.

「Wait, don't just go silent on me, please answer the question」

「Well.....Even if you wanted me to answer.....How should I put this? 」

Taiyou who was suddenly put on the spot truly did not know how to respond.

"If you have a kiss with me you will be able to see the fairy, how about it?".....It wasn't like I could just say it that kind of thing with blatant honesty. Under normal circumstances saying such a thing, will guarantee an ambulance of a certain color will show up and take you away.

However, at this rate, just trying to cover it up will not work out either.

When I was being hesitant, Kohaku who was in a deep sea of thought, suddenly raised an idea.

「Allow me to confirm, if somebody kisses his lips, without a doubt, they will become able to see you? Is there some kind of limitation to this? 」

「There isn't any〜. Regardless of who it is, men and women of all ages, anyone who kisses Taiyou-chan will be able to see me desu〜」

「I understand, alright」

Kohaku nods her head and walks towards Yurikago.

「Wh……what?」

「Umu, I was thinking of explaining everything to you from now on」

「If, if you want to explain it to me, can't you stand over there? Why are you coming…….so close to me? 」

「It's easier to do something rather than worry about it, in other words, it will be easier to explain if you just experienced it in person, rather than just using words」

「Experience it? Eh? What is this about? 」

「Oh yeah, by the way, what is your name?」

「Hera-chan nanodesuyo〜」

「Umu. Then Hera, please restrain his movements」

「Roger that〜」

Hera gives Kohaku a salute, she flies in the opposite direction away from everyone else.

It was an action taken in order to prepare for a speed boost, after taking about ten meters of distance she turned, and at an extremely great speed, she flew towards Taiyou.

「Wha—」

「It's a revolution desuyo!〜」

Hera was rotating like a rifle. With such vigorous momentum, she was drilling towards Taiyou.

The fairy's small body hits the defenceless Taiyou squarely in between his groins.

「Uguu——Y, ou.....」

Taiyou was crouching on the ground pressing between his groins. Taiyou who received a direct hit to his most precious jewels, was feeling the pain to the pit of his stomach, and he was fainting in agony.

「I've told you.....to stop.....hitting me here.....」

「But, but Taiyou-chan, unless it's a short distance attack, it wouldn't work on Taiyoou-chan desuyo?」

「Li...ke...I...Said」

「Will this be good enough〜?」

Hera asked Kohaku.

「Nice jya」

「Wh, what is happening....?」

Though the details of what exactly is happening, is quite clear to Kohaku who can see Hera's figure. For Yurikago, who cannot see what was happening, all she could see was that Taiyou was suddenly on the floor crouching and holding on to his groins,. Even as a joke she could not predict exactly what was happening, and she was getting the cold sweat just from seeing this baffling spectacle.

The fact that Taiyou did not seem to be acting, only further increased her bewilderment of the situation.

「Now then, the next person is you」

「Eh?」

「That's right」

Kohaku suddenly stepped on Yurikago's foot with a Don! The moment Yurikago got stepped on, her whole body went numb for a split second as if electricity ran through it, with a start her body crumbles to the floor.

「Wh, what are you doing……?」

「Don't worry, this isn't one of my mysterious arts. I merely poked on one of your pressure points. When someone hits your elbow, you've experienced this kind of thing before haven't you? This is just an even more amazing version of that」

「Ohh, as expected of a Loli Baba desu. Such a knowledgeable Baba nanodesu～」

「I suppose you can say, that I am well versed in many practical matters. You are quite capable yourself」

「I learnt the technique in order to protect Taiyou-chan nanodesu～」

「I see, a woman who has someone to protect is truly strong as one would expect」

Hera and Kohaku was singing each other with praises on one side, and on the other end, both Taiyou and Yurikago received damage. They were both in a situation of being unable to move.

After praising each other for quite some time, they turned towards the two people who were on their knees.

「Now then, Shall we do it?」(Kohaku Speaking)

「What should we do desuka?」

「Make that fellow turn his face upwards nojya. If he tries to resist, I don't mind it if you give him one more blow. I mean, what's it to a young man like him, he should be full of resilience and recuperate in no time right? 」

「Roger〜」

Hera salutes and slips underneath Taiyou's chin and pushes his face upwards.

Kohaku on the other end also turns towards Yurikagi and held her up supporting her by the armpit.

「Wh, what are you.....」

Kohaku didn't say a word and just lifted her up. Although her

diminutive body looked like it had a hard time carrying Yurikago for a second, it would seem that her waist was used well and she seemed to have a knack for carrying heavy things on her back.

And then, she brought Yurikago to where Taiyou was currently crouching.

「St…op….」

「Wai, wait! Wait! 」

Taiyou and Yurikago, in particular, Taiyou knew exactly what they were trying to make him do. Yurikago was unsure of the reason, but looking at the situation, she had a pretty good guess as to what they were planning.

Although they both tried to resist, their bodies which have not recovered from the damage they received was clearly unable to fight back.

And the two people had their heads held down, and were made to kiss each other by force.

「Mou! I can’t believe this is happening! 」

Finally regaining her freedom, Yurikago rapidly stands up and scrubs her lips with the back of her hands.

「What are you trying to achieve! Playing around with people’s lips like

this?!」

「Kukuku, isn't it fine like this? It's alright, trust me」

「Ohh, its a Japanese AKUDAIKAN nanodesune〜」(TL: this is a reference to Futari wa Pretty Cure Splash Star a spin off sequel animation, She is trying to say that Taiyou is an Akudaikan, which is an evil ruler who plans to capture the seven fountains. Or in this case the Seven Heroines)

「I ain't an evil warlord–!!」

「Well, just calm down a little, your face looks like you were showered with kisses continuously for one month」

「It wasn't for one month!」

「If you were affectionately kissed for one month, what would happen 〜? Taiyou-chan, will it be alright if you try it out on Kotone-chan and the other girls? 」

「You may also try it to me. I think my face would become like an enlightened monk jyaro」

「I think it will be like a bitch in heat! Surely〜! 」

Yurikago was indignant. Her ability to move was taken away by force, as a girl who has already declared to Taiyou that she didn't really like him, her reaction of being unhappy was an expected outcome, however, she

was so angry that she was missing the important factor.

「Hey, can I talk to you for a bit?」

To point it out, Taiyou called out to her.

「What? Let me just make this clear, but if you try to kiss me one more time, I will bite your lips off, okay? 」

「No, I wouldn't do those kind of things to you, or ever take you by force. It isn't about that」

「Then what are you trying to say?」

「You, do you realize that you have been talking to Hera for a while now?」

「Eh?」

「Yurikago became dazed and almost as if she became a robot, she turned her head with a (sfx gi gi gi mechanical sound) towards Hera 」

Unlike a little while ago, she clearly had a good look at Hera. The moment she verified Hera's appearance, her eyes gradually widened in surprise.

It was like she saw something completely unbelievable, it was like

seeing something for the first time since she was born.

「Y..You.....」

「Once again, It's nice to meet you desuyo〜. I am Taiyou-chans special Fairy, Hera-chan nanodesu〜」

「Wh, what is going on?」

「With this it should be quite clear right? Only the woman who kisses this fellow will be able to see her jya」

「Even if a male kissed him, they would be able to see me ya know〜」

「I'll say this right now, but rather than kissing with a male, I would rather crush their skulls in」

Taiyou exposed a face full of disgust.

If another beastly male were to kiss him, it would not be possible for him to accept.

「....Ahh I understand. So the thing a while ago was because such a mysterious thing was there」

In the beginning Yurikago was truly shocked, but as soon as she confirmed the existence of Hera, she rapidly recovered and was

becoming calm and collected again. After being surprised, she was becoming really calm at a scary pace, she grabbed a small handgun from within her purse.

「So is this why, even If I do this, you will be completely fine?」

Whilst saying such a thing, she pointed her gun at Taiyou's groins.

Posun! (Fire) Right after the sound of gun fire resounded, the bullet sped up towards Taiyou's crotch at a rapid pace, however it quickly lost its power.

「Why the hell do you guys always aim at this location?!」

Taiyou roars. Unlike the time when Hera hurled herself into his crotch, the gun which shot a bullet straight to his groins did not even leave a scratch.

Chapter 37: Sexual Intercourse rate Five Percent

「Isn't it fine, besides, this kind of thing won't work against you anyways」

Youran replies to Taiyou whilst still having her hand on her firearm, the size seemed to fit right into the palm of her hand, and if one were to look closely at the materials it was white and metallic, and when it was shot earlier, there was barely any sound coming out of it, in all aspects it was a special man made weapon.

「What is going jya?」

Different from Youran who was finally convinced, Kohaku was surprised at the spectacle which occurred before her. There was little wonder, after all, when the gun was fired a sound to the extent of a person farting came out, and most importantly, the bullet which was fired at Taiyou's private parts fell harmlessly towards the ground.

Having just been fired right in between his groins but acting nonchalantly as if nothing happened, it was impossible for someone to not be surprised at this development.

「I don't really know the details behind it, but this fellow is seemingly immune to projectile weapons. Pistol, Shotgun, Machine-gun, Rocket Launcher……I've seen him be impervious to these kinds of things」

「Was it like that? Well if someone were to come at me with a bomb, even I wouldn't know what would happen」

Well now that they have already found out this much, Taiyou felt there was no meaning to pretend being dumb anymore and he just admitted it obediently.

He remembers the events which occurred during the morning he went to the Junishima Mansion. At that time various firearms were being shot at him and the Rocket Launcher that impacted the ground near his feet caused a huge cloud sand to appear.

「I suppose that's true. So, bullets don't work on you?」

「If the best hit man in the world used his rifle on me, it might work」

Taiyou was cracking jokes, without shifting in complexion in the slightest, Youran just ignored him and looked the other way. As expected, it would seem that she didn't really enjoy these kind of conversations. She slides her gaze to Hera who was standing on the side and started to ask her.

「Is it true?」

「Yes ～, Taiyou-chan is immune to all long ranged attacks desuyo～」

「Hou, does he even possess such a strange ability? What a convenient thing jya」

「Is the reason he has his powers because of you?」

「It's because Taiyou-chan really worked hard desuyo～」

「Is that so. Long distance won't affect him, how about short distance attacks? For instance what if I were to slap him in the face, what would happen? 」

「Well the thing is ～」

In mid-sentence Hera flies towards Taiyou's groins.

「Why are you always aiming for this spot?!」

Taiyou grabs unto Hera and grips her tightly, and he threw her away in the opposite direction with all his strength. Hera was screaming out in a loud voice "Ah～Ree～" as she flew away and vanished into the yonder.

「I see, I guess even just a little while ago, you were collapsed in agony」

「Uu」

「I understand, though all kinds of long distance attacks are nullified, if a direct close range attack landed, you would be just an vulnerable as anyone else jya」

「At that time when you threw away Shirokiyami into safety, you had full confidence in your power to survive the frontal attack, didn't you? I also heard you mentioned that『Even if a nuclear bomb was launched at me,

perhaps I would remain unharmed』」

「It would seem that you would live longer than a century jyano」

Youran and Kohaku was having a noisy discussion about his abilities, when he suddenly felt a staggeringly bad premonition.

It felt like he was slowly being stripped off all his clothes, by the two women, and more importantly, he felt like the discussion was going into a place where it cannot be allowed.

The two of them did not know of Hera's existence until a little while ago. And now, even his skill had been exposed.

Both of them were very quick witted women, when information was given, one after another they would solve the pieces of the puzzle and it would spark more ideas.

「The reason why you would bring this man along, I have completely understood now」

「Me too, finding out that bringing him along was the right choice makes me feel relieved 」

「As for me, I am just so glad that the amount of people I can converse with has increased desuyo〜」

Before he noticed it, Hera was already back and mingling with the

conversation of the two girls. He was almost tempted to throw her away again.

「Now then」

After coming to terms with the topic, Youran had a serious look on her face.

「It is about time jya」

They were playing around a while ago, but now they were indifferent.

With the guidance of Kohaku, both Youran and Taiyou were being led into the research facility.

Kohaku used her biometric authentication to enter the building, and inside it was unpopulated, according to Kohaku's source of information, for some reason or other, the researchers had withdrawn from the facility from midnight till six o'clock in the morning. Inside the building however, the Eternal little who was cooperating with the researchers were still here somewhere.

Though it was obvious they were experimenting with them somehow, he didn't really know the particulars.

The certain thing was the fact that there was nothing else here besides the eternally little.

(I can't really see where the eternally little are.....Is it possible that there are still other things to discover here?)

They were walking along the building where all they could here was their own footsteps.

The woman who was leading them was still wearing her see-through one piece dress. Although at the start when he first met her, he was anxious about her appearance, Taiyou did not have any lecherous thoughts. However since she took advantage of him with the kiss, he started to see her in a different light.

To be precise, he became transfixed with her ass. It was completely transparent and he could see her buxom small ass from behind.

Somehow or other, her swaying hips were truly captivating and Taiyou felt that blood was rushing into his groin area.

At the same time, he felt a faint sense of guilt and he inadvertently turned his eyes away.....However, besides him Youran was there.

Youran was clearly glaring with scornful eyes at Taiyou.

「.....Lolicon」

「—-tsu!」

Taiyou couldn't find any words to say, and his face reddened. After one

moment, he desperately tried to object.

「D, don't call me a Lolicon! I don't have that kind of weird complex! Besides this person is way older than me, and instead of a Loli she would be—」

Taiyou was trying to explain his side of the story, and Youran only watched him with indifferent cold eyes.

「Why are you becoming to flustered? Normally you are so cool-headed. Don't tell me, did I hit it right on the mark? 」

「–Tsu!」

「Taiyou-chan are you a Lolicon desuka〜? In that case, what do you think about me 〜? 」

「You are out of the question!」

「Then are you saying, that Kohaku is within your sights? Are you aiming for her? 」

「No no, that's not what I meant」

At the rate this was going, he felt that he would be branded a lolicon, and he would have to bear the dishonorable shame.

As a man, it was the one thing that he did not want to bear. If he gets careless here, more so than wrestling in embarrassing pants, he would receive a big psychological damage.

Taiyou was completely caught out of guard, on the contrary Youran was calm and composed.

「Well, don't worry about it, I don't really care if you are a Lolicon or whatever, as it doesn't concern me. Since the start I've always disliked you, besides this fact won't change even now」

「I'm telling you it's a misunderstanding」

「Kukuku, Please don't fight over me」

Kohaku who was walking ahead of them stifled a laughter.

「You don't really have to add fuel to the fire you know!」

「Kufu, my bad. But since I've been born as a woman, I've always wanted to say such a line jya」

「Is that really so ～?」

「Umu, Well there are also a couple of other ones as well. For example『I want to drink the miso soup that you made』or『It's touching me, idiot!』or『Oi, can you grab it for me, you know that thing ?』or『 Even if you said that you disliked it, look at how wet this place has become』those kind of

things」

「Hehh, so women actually have those kind of things that they want to say desune～?」

「Don't be fooled, that is obviously a joke or her own personal twisted hobby」

「Kukuku, it's been found out ? Well, they are all my personal desires jya」

「Are those kind of useless things your only ambitions in life?!」

「Well I suppose I can admit that they are worthless, after all they are all dreams that cannot be achieved」

「Dreams to fulfil?」

Taiyou looked doubtful and certainly amongst her six dialogs Kohaku wanted to say, he didn't really understand why she wanted such weird dreams fulfilled, however she could probably get away with the『It's touching me, idiot!』phrase.

As for the rest, he wasn't entirely sure what the heck she was trying to achieve by saying them.

「You know about how we are called the eternally little right? At same time, are you aware of the other term the "old housemaids"? 」

「Ahh, I have been curious about that for a while. I've heard people saying it before, but what exactly is this thing called the "old housemaids?" and what does it mean? 」

「Are you aware of the Old Maid ?」

「Ha?」

Taiyou leaked a stupendous voice. For a second, the topic changed and he thought that he had misheard what she actually said.

It was like you turned several pages of a book all at once, that kind of feeling.

「The old maids? Are you referring to the Old maid card game? 」

「Umu, Am I wearing any clothes underneath? Or am I not wearing any clothes, that kind of game nojya」

「That ain't the old maid card game, that's different type of card game isn't it?」

「Kukuku. Well the thing is. The old maid card game originally came from a game called the old housemaid game. It is a truly old game, the cards we used to play didn't even have the same shape as the one's we use nowadays, it was the times when jokers didn't exist jya. The object of the game is to not be the one with the only queen at the end. And the

person who is left with the queen loses—」

「so granny.....You are an old maid? 」

「Exactly. Old maids are women who has remain unsold.....or another way to put it is they are women who missed the marriageable age. We are the left over queen's jyayo」

「What a harsh way to put it」

「I suppose it is jya. Well, as you can see, we the eternal little have this sort of external appearance. Throughout my whole life, I will retain this youthful appearance. As you can see I appear to be too young and naturally there is no one who would desire me as their companion」

「Is that so? No wait, how about all the lolicon's out there–」

「If someone was to ask for my hand in marriage.... No even if they only became a companion, it would be good enough. In this society there is no one who is willing to confess that they are a lolicon to the world. As a man, there is rarely anyone who would want to burden the shame of being branded as such. Having the courage to proclaim that they are lolicon and losing their reputation, and having a lolicon complex is a completely different thing」

「.....」

「For us eternally little, the ratio to get married is roughly around 5%, that is a ratio of one in every twenty people. Other than that, it's about

the fact that the man will continue to grow older. This kind of rumor spreads and soon enough, we the eternally little, were branded with a derogatory term of the old housemaids」

「Unsold stuff…. nanodesuka〜? 」

「Well as one would expect, with that kind of term attached to your name, not many people would want to be associated with it」

Hera and Youran joins the conversation.

After listening to Kohaku’s speech, he went into deep thought.

Chapter 38: Grade-schooler level of Command

Whilst walking behind Kohaku, his feelings somehow became gloomy.

After listening to her talk, he finally understood her side of the story.

Don’t fight over me.

I want you to make miso soup for me every morning.

Oi, get that for me will you, you know that thing?

These dialogs were all about love, and the affection that she has lacked all her life.

For someone like her whose percentage to get married was one in twenty, it was natural that she would yearn for such a thing.

And, there was another thing that he understood.

To Kohaku who yearned for such things…..

「Then, you are…..」

「Umu, Even if I look like this, I am an energetic virgin jya」

Kohaku turns her neck over her shoulders and grinned.

Hearing her say such an embarrassing thing, Taiyou's face turned bright red like a tomato all the way to his ears.

「Please choose your words more appropriately!」

「By the way, my amniotic fluids never rots and throughout our whole lives, we the eternally little.....Retain our abilities to reproduce and become pregnant until our death」

「Like I said, please choose your words! Why are you suddenly going into such a weird direction?!」

「For an elderly person to not lose their ability to reproduce, it is truly a rare thing jya」

「Please consider the young people too!」

「Hey, you」

Youran speaks up and interrupts the comedy skit between the two people.

「Aren't you planning on being with those three triplets?」

「Eh? Ahh, that's what I plan to do」

「So, you are a lolicon, aren't you?」

「I have no intention of becoming one!」

Taiyou did not want to bear the burden of shame and he rebuked Youran with a loud voice, however Youran did not mind it at all and just proceeded with her reasoning.

「So, aren't you planning on creating a harem with them?」

「That is…. Well」

Taiyou reluctantly nods.

There was still a refusal feeling to the word harem. Or more like, he wasn't really sure yet, if what he had between them was a harem.

However, the fact that he wanted to be together with, Kotone, Suzune and Kazane was without a doubt his feelings on the matter.

That was really the only method when it came with the three sisters and gradually he himself desired the three of them.

Therefore he nodded, then he nodded again and one last time he nodded to himself as if confirming his own beliefs.

「That's right, I do want to be together with them」

「So, in that case why don't you include her into your harem as well?」

「Eh?」

「Ohh, there was also this method desu」

「Increasing your harem members by just one, shouldn't be too much of a problem right?」

「Ehhhhhhh?」

The proposal was way too sudden.

Taiyou's scream of exclamation resounded in the building in the middle of the night.

Under Kohaku's guidance they arrived in front of a room.

The door in front of them was an imposing mechanical door.

「Well, then this particular door won't be activated with my level of clearance」

「Yes, please wait a moment」

Youran was fiddling around and she took something out. It was the kind of thing people used to protect their fingers when sewing, kind of like a finger condom.

「This is....?」

「It's a finger authentication system, and it's a relatively old-fashion security, apparently this door will open based on the finger print and in accordance with body temperature」

「Huh?」

「In the near future, there will probably be an update to the security system which will become a hybrid authentication system, but in that case, I will also be prepared to open it」

Saying such a thing, Youran passed the finger sack to Taiyou.

「Here you go」

「Eh? You are giving it to me? 」

「Use it on your finger, because before applying it we need to make sure it matches a human's body temperature. You, isn't your body temperature high? 」

「.....You seem to know a lot about me」

Youran was referring to the conversation she had with Shirokiyami in the past. He wondered just how much information this woman had on him, but for the time being Taiyou decided not to worry about it.

He puts on the fake finger print, and waits for the temperature to rise, and soon after, the party entered through the door.

Inside the room, there was several computer terminals. Youran stands in in front of one and started to operate the machine.

In the front screen, Taiyou felt like he knew many of the icons that were displayed on the computer screen.

「Unexpectedly the machine seems quite old」

「This, is just a dummy」

「Eh?」

「If I am not mistaken.....『WWSSADADBA』is the input code.....」

「What is that?....Ohh」

Taiyou was dubious but after she inputted the code, the screen completely changed with a poof.

Now the icons which were familiar to him all disappeared in a burst and what replaced it was a black screen which started to spell out white characters.

「Is this the command prompt.....?」

「That's right, and operating from here.....」

Youran inserted a memory stick into the machine, and the clattering of the keyboard was heard. He remembered that she previously explained that this terminal was not connected to any networks, so it was imperative that she physically came here with a memory drive in order to steal the information.

Taiyou was keeping guard as she performed her work but suddenly, there was a glance from the side that he was worried with.

When he turned around, Kohaku was looking at him with sparkling eyes, at least that is what he felt.

For some reason or other, she seemed to be blushing, and she looked seriously cute.

「Umm.....What are you looking at? 」

「It, it's not like I'm looking at you or anything jya」

「Why are you suddenly acting so suspiciously?!」

After giving her a retort, Kohaku's body which was twisting and turning a moment ago, was standing in their usual firm position.

「That's weird, I had heard that nowadays the young men liked this sort of attention? 」

「I think that is questionably old fashioned!」

After he objected, she noted it with an "Umu", and then after nodding, she looked at Taiyou once again.

For some reason, this time around, she was staring at him intensely and was glaring at him.

「I'll, Kill you!」 (TL: Yandere mode activated?!)

「By any chance, are you giving me one of those death stares with that kind of look?!」

「That didn't work? in that case how about—」

「Like I said, please stop it with this kind of behaviour, ya got mee?!」

「Your way of speaking the Japanese language got slightly impaired, young fellow」

「Whose fault do you think that is?!」

「Is it mine?」

「Who else could it be? Why are you so interested in these kinds of “dangerous jokes”? 」

「How odd, all I was trying to do was appeal my own loveliness, it didn’t work?」

「Even if you didn’t do such things, you are normally cute desuyo～」

Hera’s whole face was smiling as she complimented Kohaku.

「Umu, Thank you. However, my cuteness, does not seem to be able to reach him jya. What shall I do, I wonder? 」

「Taiyou-chan is just antisocial desu, words are useless against him, I suggest that you take the direct approach, otherwise it won’t work desu～」

「Hou?」

Kohaku’s eyes, was glittering and shining.

「In that case, why don’t you just stick your body next to his? If it’s just

oral, I can pretend not to see anything」

Whilst operating the terminal, Youran joins the conversation whilst looking at the screen. Her multitasking was pretty good, like being able to hold a conversation whilst driving a car.

「That is an ingenious idea desu. Now then Kohaku-tan, Ike ike, Go , go nanodesu～

「You guys, what are you trying to instigate here?!」

Taiyou raises his voice.

「If you want to have this kind of conversation, at least do it when the person in question is not right next to you」

As he was saying that, Kohaku without caring in the slightest, leans against Taiyou coquettishly.

The atmosphere changes. It was different from before, and a gentle atmosphere was created as she snuggled into Taiyou’s arms.

「Wha, wait.....」

「.....If it’s me, do you dislike it? 」

「Eh?」

「I've heard you already made promise to take turns with the three women, then the principle of only having one partner will no longer apply to you right? In that space, is there none left for me?」

「Wh, what are you saying so suddenly?」

「I'm entreating you, jya」

「Entreating?」

「In other words, this is a close-out sale jya. I don't have much longer to live, however, this youthful appearance can be retained until my last breath. I think that right now, it's a very cheap bargain jyazo」

「Cheap....」

「Umu, I won't get jealous and I make any selfish remarks. Even if I only receive the warmth for one person, divided into four.....for me that will be more than enough jya」(TL: omg what a pitiful loli baba T.T)

「.....」

Taiyou was at a loss for words, the joking atmosphere which they had a few moments ago was blown away like the wind. It was completely replaced with this sweet, yet suffocating atmosphere.

Her dialog of begging him. Combined with the fact that she didn't have

many years left to live, her frantic desperation was really transmitted to Taiyou.

Eternally little.....They were also known as the Old Maids. 95% of them remained “unsold”, and even going as far as to refer to herself as a special bargain sale.

These kind of earnest things she said, truly made Taiyou’s feeling waver.

「Kohaku-san…」

「……」

She was nestling into Taiyou’s arms as looked up at him, her eyes were gently shut.

Chapter 39: The Key to a Successful Harem

For a while, Taiyou just stared at her.

The sweet atmosphere wraps around him and tempts him.

Even though the little girl in front of his eyes, looked to be 10 years old, he felt like it was also not right to call her an 87 year old woman either.

There was only one thing in his eyes……..She was just a girl.

Her pulse was transmitted to him, from the place where their skin touched skin.

Her pulse was warm, as if it was delivering her feelings right to him.

The strength and speed of the pulse continued to increase, it was the peculiar rhythm of a person who feels nervous.

Taiyou knew what it meant, in the past few days, he understood what that rhythm represented.

「……」

Because he understood, Taiyou broke off the atmosphere and he gently pulled her body off him.

「You……?」

Her small face was raised, Kohaku who was waiting for a kiss expectantly opened her eyes, For a while, she just stood there and watched Taiyou's face in surprise, however before long, her pupils were dyed with the color of disappointment.

「Well, I suppose that's how things would turn out. For an old baba like me……」

「That's not it」

Taiyou interrupted Kohaku's self-deprecation.

「In truth, my heart was beating really fast, regardless of your appearance, and regardless of your inside, nothing mattered and I was just in the moment……..and I wanted to do it」

「Then, why didn't you?」

In response to Kohaku's words, Taiyou shook his head slowly.

「I already, have three girlfriends. They are three women who think of themselves as one entity. I want to be honest with them. That's why, it isn't possible for me to accept you」

「However, I've heard that those girls wanted you to create a harem」

「That was just my own selfishness, and it is a thing that I need to clarify with them later on」

Taiyou looks straight into Kohaku's eyes as he continued to talk.

「Even if I wanted to get together with another woman, I would need the girls agreement, and also my own approval. ……In addition, if in the future more people are involved, I want everyone to consent before more are added to the harem. I want everyone to acknowledge and be together peacefully, I want to have that kind of relationship」

「……」

「That's why, right now I can't do it」

「Is that so?」

Kohaku nods her head and quietly parts from Taiyou.

「You are seeking a polyamory, aren't you?」

「Polyamory?」

Hearing words he wasn't accustomed to hearing, Taiyou tilts his head.

「Haven't you heard of these words being mentioned by the gay and lesbian community? Similar to their principles, when three or more

people love each other, at that time, everyone's consent is necessary for the relationship to flourish, it's that kind of principle」

「Is there such a thing?」

「Isn't this the exact principle you just stated?」

「No, what I mean is, is such a thing prevalent in this world, or has it been done successfully before? I mean, I'm not too fond of gays or lesbians……but, there is a huge amount of people like them, right? 」

「Well, it isn't something that is remarkable. Even now, polygamy is known worldwide, or it could even be said that by ethnic groups, people who do polyandry exceeds 70 percent」(TL: polyandry, for those that don't know is a practice of one woman taking two or more husbands, AKA reverse harem)

「Eh?」

「Well, I suppose that is the magic of numbers, when I compare it to the population of the world, the number becomes 10 percent or less. This is because, the people who follow polygamy are still in the minorities」

「Ah, is that what you meant?」

「Let's come back to it. Hearing you talking about polyamory……..I've remembered a race of people who follow that principle」

Taiyou nods. Looking at him, Kohaku lets out a sweet smile. As if she was fascinated by him, it was a gentle smile.

「Then, I shall wait for you to get the acknowledgement of the girls. By the way, I will protect my chastity so please don't be worried」

「.....Thank you 」

「The one who should be saying thanks is me 」

Kohaku was smiling contently.

He had a premonition, it was the hunch that Kotone and the girls would gladly accept Kohaku.

Even so, Taiyou wanted to hear their opinions first before making a decision. Taiyou wanted to stay true to his convictions.

However that "conviction" is one of the walls that stand in between Kotone and the girls, and Taiyou had not yet realised this fact.

「Nee nee, Taiyou-chan, Taiyou-chan～」

「What is it?」

「If, I get the permission of Kotone and the girls, will you also let me into your harem?～」

「Eh?

Taiyou was blankly staring at Hera, losing his words. He didn't expect such a question so he lost his words.

「I mean, weren't you talking about obtaining permission just now?」

「Well, I mean it was but……」

「Then, there is a possibility for me too desuyone?～」

「No no…….. 」

「When his lolicon complex is aggravated this is how he acts eh」

Whilst she was still operating the computer, Yurikago managed to sneak in some remarks.

「No, like I said, that's a misunderstanding」

「Taiyou-chan what's it going to be?」

「No for you I can't, if you really want me to say yes, at least become human sized」

「Uuu…….That is not possible nanodesuyo～」

「Then, please give up」

「Uuu…..I understand nanodesu～…….」

Hera withdrew tearfully. Seeing her depressed appearance, whilst, it did not suddenly invoke his love for Hera, it did cause him to feel pitiful, and he wanted to apologize for it.

Because the talk with Kohaku had reached a standstill, Taiyou stood up and walked next to Yurikago.

「What?」

「What's the situation?」

「It's going well, in a little while, the one that we need copied will be obtained. The evidence, that they were doing human experimentation of the socially vulnerable, 'Eternally Little'」

「And with this information, we will be able to stop them from aiming at Kotone and the girls?」

「Yes. If this is revealed to the public, all plans can be frozen according to my discretions. In such a case, no one will aim at the girls」

「What about the Eternally Little who are related to the experiments?」

「There is no problem in that department.....Regardless of the case, a huge amount of money will be paid to them in compensation for their hardships. Or more like, the situation will inevitably lead to such an outcome」

「.....I suppose so」

Taiyou was convinced.

「Oh?」

Suddenly, Hera opens her eyes wide, and faces the other direction. She was just staring at this one point in the wall.....as if she could see through what was behind it.

「What's wrong?–」

'Was there something?' Just as Taiyou was about to approach her and ask her this question.

「Alarm?!」

Youran, stood at attention, and turned her eyes. All the other people also had similar looks.

The whole room started to blink with flashing red lights, and a siren began to ring.

「What the hell is this?!」

「This is…….An alarm that informs others of any intruders」

「Did you say intruders?」

「What's going on, why is such a thing suddenly happening?」

「I don't know」

Kohaku says this, as she looked towards the computer screen.

「Is the data ready yet?」

「It's just a little more」

「Quick! If this keeps up−」

Before Kohaku even finishes her sentence, the screen cuts off with a poof, and the screen of the computer goes completely black.

「Ahh Geez! I was so close to getting it!」

「Pull out the memory drive! At least we got something, it should be fine!」

「I know already」

Yurikago violently extracted the memory drive that was inserted into the main body of the computer.

「Okay, time to escape」

「Follow me, there is a pathway that is not usually used connected to the outside. It's not as special as a secret passage, but the probability of encountering a person is considerably less」

Just like the way she guided them when they were walking in, Kohaku once again took lead to guide them out.

「Wait, what direction are you going in?」

Taiyou asks her making her stop. The pace of the flashing red lights begins to quicken gradually.

「Direction? If you are asking about that, then it's over here」

Kohaku answers, and points in the direction.

「And can you tell me which direction we entered from?」

「That is this way」

「……I see, By the way, this here is still the first floor right?」

「Umu……What do you intend to do?」

Kohaku was a little doubtful, Taiyou started to walk in a direction that was opposite from the two directions she pointed in.

He walked towards a white wall. Taiyou stood there and took a deep breathe.

「Uohhhhhhh!」

A shout resounded and the entire room shook, as he launched his fist towards the wall.

Dogon!

The place which had a white wall moments ago, now had a huge hole in which a person could easily go through.

Going into this room, Taiyou started to break the wall, towards the same direction.